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	Ch'ai Hi Seng	*l.p.*	Taik Hwa, Ing-ch'ung District	1
1878	Cheng Chong Ming	*e.*	U-yong, Ing-ch'ung District	1
1888	Cheng Ung Wong	*p.*	Tang-t'au, Hai-t'ang District	1
1273	Chiong Taik Liong	*e.*	Ching-sing Tong, Foochow District	2
	Chiu Hing Teng	*l.p.*	Ch'ong-tau, Ku-ch'eng District	2
	ChüngKa Eu	*l.p.*	Loi-hung, Ku-ch'eng District	5
	Chüng Taik Ming	*l.p.*	Sek paik-tu Ku-ch'eng District	1
1884	Donohue, T.	*e.*	Student of Chinese, Foochow	2
	Ho Tieu Yeu	*l.p.*	Teng-aing, Hok-ch'iang District	1
1879	Hă Chaik Hang	*e.*	Lek-tu, Foochow District	3
1865	Hü Sing Mi	*e.*	Siu-liang Tong, Foochow District	2
1864	Hü Po Mi	*e.*	Hok-ing Tong, Foochow District	2
1864	Hü Yong Mi	*e.*	Tieng-ang Tong, Foochow District	6
	Hu Ing Ing	*l.p.*	Hu-ngwong, Yong-ping District	3
	Hu Ing Li	*l.p.*	Hu-ngwong, Yong-ping District	1
	Hu Ing Lüng	*l.p.*	Sing-kio, Yong-ping District	2
1878	Hwong P'au Seng	*e.*	Kĕng-kiang, Hok-ch'iang District	3
1877	Hwong Taik Ch'iong	*e.*	Ngiu-seü, Hok-ch'iang District	2
	Kong Sing Chaë	*l.p.*	Ku-te, Ku-ch'eng District	5
1884	Lacy, Wm. H.	*e.*	Inst. in Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow	3
1877	Lau Kwang Hüng	*e.*	Tong-hwang, Ku-ch'eng District	2
1889	Li Ki Ch'iong	*p.*	Ne-tu, Foochow District	1
1889	Li Kwong Sieu	*p.*	Ku-ch'eng city, Ku-ch'eng District	1
1887	Li Nga Hung	*e.*	Sing-kio, Yong-ping District	3
	Li Seu Hieng	*l.p.*	Hang-keng, Hing-hwa District	1
1878	Li Tiong Chwi	*e.*	Presiding Elder, Hing-hwa District	2
	Ling Ch'iong Ling	*l.p.*	Kong-ing, Hok-ch'iang District	2
1877	Ling Ching Chieng	*e.*	Kie-tieng-li, Hing-hwa District	2
	Ling Hiong Ch'ong	*l.a.*	Pah-sai, Hing-hwa District	1
1889	Ling Mi Ing	*l.a.*	Sang-le, Hok-ch'iang District	1
1877	Ling Ming Chiong	*e.*	Hing-hwa city, Hing-hwa District	2
1887	Ling Ming Sang	*d.*	Hai-iu, Hok-ch'iang District	1
1883	Ling Saëng Lai	*d.*	Ch'iak-chwi, Ing-ch'ung District	1
1878	Ling Seng Eü	*p.*	Ing-ch'ung, Ing-ch'ung District	1
1879	Ling Sëü Ing	*e.*	Liang-nang, Ku-ch'eng District	1
	Ling Sü Ch'ung	*l.p.*	Seng-yong, Ku-ch'eng District	2
1875	Ngoi Ki Lang	*e.*	Presiding Elder, Ing-ch'ung District	3
	Ngu Kwok K'wo	*l.p.*	To-ngwong, Ing-ch'ung District	2
	Ngu Mak Ong	*l.p.*	Hai-kau, Hok-ch'iang District	2
	Ngu Sui Chëü	*l.p.*	Ūng-sü, Hing-hwa District	1
1873	P'ang Ting Hie	*e.*	Presiding Elder, Yong-ping District	3
1870	Plumb, N. J.	*e.*	Presiding Elder, Foochow District	3
1888	Saëng Hok Lieng	*p.*	Kia-sioh, Hing-hwa District	2
1888	Saëng Ngük Ch'ung	*p.*	Tai-ho, Ku-ch'eng District	1
1877	Sia Heng T'ó	*e.*	Ngu-ch'eng, Hok-ch'iang District	2
1873	Sia Lieng Li	*e.*	Nang-nik, Hing hwa District	1
1866	Sia Sek Ong	*e.*	Biblical Institute, Foochow District	2
1877	Sie Hwo Mi	*e.*	Sing-tong, Hok-ch'iang District	3
1878	Sie Seng Chang	*e.*	Hung-mwi, Foochow District	2

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	Siek Ch'iong T'ieng...	*e.*	Siek-kĕng, Hok-ch'iangDistrict.....	1
	Siek Ki Ch'iong.....	*l.p.*	Yu-ka city, Yong-ping District..	2
1888	Siek Sek Tiong.....	*p.*	T'ieng-ang Tong, Foochow District..	2
1857	Sites, Nathan.....	*e.*	Miss'y. Hing-hwa & Ing-ch'ung Districts.....	3
1882	Smyth, George B.....	*e.*	Pres. Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow.....	5
1881	Song Kwong Hwo.....	*e.*	Tong-t'au, Ing-ch'ung District.....	2
1877	Taing Kieng Ing.....	*e.*	Song-ch'ong, Yong-ping District.....	1
1875	~~Taing Kwang Ing~~.....	*e.*	Yong-ping city, Yong-ping District.....	1
1879	Tang Seng Ling	*e.*	Sa-kaing, Yong-ping District.....	2
	Tiang Ngük Chëü.....	*p.*	Loi-hung, & Yong-tau, Ku-ch'eng District.....	1
	Ting Ung Chieu.....	*l.p.*	Hu-ngwong, Yong-ping District....	2
1875	Ting Ching Kwong.....	*e.*	Hing-hwa city, Hing-hwa District	1
	Ting Ching Ngwong....	*l.p.*	Pah-sai, Hai-t'ang District....	1
	Ting Ching Seng.....	*p.*	Ku-te and Twai-kiang, Ku-ch'eng District.....	1
1888	Ting Hieng Ngieu.....	*p.*	Sing-tong, Hok-ch'iang District....	1
1877	Ting Ka Sing.....	*e.*	Presiding Elder, Hai-tang District.....	2
	Ting Kie Hwi.....	*l.p.*	Ing-ch'ung city, Ing-ch'ung District	1
1878	Ting Neng Chiek.....	*e.*	Ngü-ka, Hok-ch'iang District.....	1
1888	Ting Nik Sing.....	*p.*	Kiéng-sang, Hing-hwa District.....	1
	Ting Sing Seng.....	*l.p.*	Song-chiong, Yong-ping District.....	1
1877	Ting Siu K'ung.....	*e.*	Ku-ch'eng city, Ku-ch'eng District....	2
1877	Ting Soi Ling	*d.*	Lieng-chü-li, Hing-hwa District.....	3
1888	Ting Tai Liong.....	*p.*	Hok-ing Tong, Foochow District	2
1888	Ting Taing Tieu.....	*p.*	Chiong-hu-pwang, Yong-ping District.....	2
	Ting Teng Nguk.....	*l.p.*	Liang-nang, Ku-ch'eng District.....	1
	Ting T'ieng Ling.....	*l.p.*	Pwo-hi, Hing-hwa District.....	1
1877	Ting Ung Chü.....	*d.*	Kwang-au, Hing-hwa District.....	1
1879	Ting Ung T'iu.....	✕	Tio-a & Lo sa-yong, Ku-ch'eng District.....	3
1884	Ting Yok Ngwong	*p.*	Yu-k'a city, Yong-ping District....	3
1877	Tiong Ming Tung.....	*e.*	Sek-ngo-tu, Foochow District	2
1878	Tiong Sëük Pwo.....	*e.*	Chiong-hu-pwang, Yong-ping District	2
1878	Ü Siu E	*e.*	Hai-yeu, Hok-ch'iang District	2
1888	Ü Sieu Yeu...	*p.*	Sing-tong, Hok-ch'iang District.....	2
	Ung Kwong Koi.....	*l.p.*	Hok-ch'iang city, Hok-ch'iang District.	2
1880	Wilcox, Myron C	*e.*	Presiding Elder, Ku-ch'eng District...	3
	Wong Hung Ngüng.....	*l.p.*	Kwi-hung, Foochow District	2
	Wong Kwok Hing.....	*l.p.*	Tai-cheng, Ing-ch'ung District.....	1
	Wong Ngük Chiong, ...	*l.p.*	Ping-hai, Hing hwa District.	1
1888	Wong Te Ki.....	*p.*	Lek-tu, Foochow District...	2
1883	Wong Ting Hok.....	*d.*	Foochow, Foochow District.	3
1880	Worley, J. H.....	*e.*	In U. S. A.	1
1864	Yek Ing Kwang.....	*e.*	Presiding Elder, Hok-ch'iang District ...	6
1877	Yong Taik Ch'eu.....	*e.*	Sieng-iu, Hing-hwa District	2

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

Bishop E. G. Andrews.

English Secretary. N. J. Plumb.

Chinese Secretary. Wong Ting Hok.

Statistical Secretary.

W. H. Lacy.

COMMITTEES.

I. STANDING.

1. On State of the Church.—The Missionaries and the Presiding Elders.

2. On Education.—N. Sites, M. C. Wilcox, Yek Ing Kwang, Hü Pó Mi, Ting Ka Sing, Tang Seng Ling, Ngoi Ki Lang.

3. On Sabbath Schools.—G. B. Smyth, Ü Sieu E, Ting Ung T'ieu, Li Tiong Chwi, Song Kwong Hwo.

4. On Religious Literature.—W. H. Lacy, Hü Sing Mi, Sia Heng T'ó, Ling Ming Ch'iong, Ting Siu K'üng.

5. On Temperance—Sia Sek Ong, Yong Taik Ch'eu, Cheng Chong Ming, Hwong P'au Seng, Saëng Ngük Ch'üng.

6. On Sabbath Observance.—N. J. Plumb, T. Donohue, Chiong Taik Liong, Saëng Hok Lieng, Hü Chaik Hang, Wong Kwok Hing, Hwong Taik Ch'iong.

II. ON EXAMINATIONS.

Of Candidates for admission on Trial.—N. J. Plumb, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Chaik Hang.

First year.—N. Sites, Chiong Taik Siong, Hwong P'ru Seng.

Second year.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Pó Mi, Ting Ung T'ieu.

Third year.—G. B. Smyth, Hü Sing Mi, Ü Sieu E.

Fourth year.—W. H. Lacy, Tang Seng Ling, Sia Heng T'ó.

To Examine Girls School Teachers.—Hü Pó Mi, Sia Sek Ong, Chiong Taik Liong, Ling Ming Sang.

To Examine the Schools.—M. C. Wilcox, N. J. Plumb, Sia Sek Ong, Chiong Taik Liong, Hü Yong Mi, Hü Sing Mi.

III. TO WRITE LETTERS OF GREETING.

To West China Mission.—W. H. Lacy, Hü Yong Mi.

To Central China Mission.—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong.

To North China Mission.—M. C. Wilcox, Ting Ung T'ieu.

To Japan Conference.—N. J. Plumb, Yek Ing Kwang.

To Mrs O. Gibson.—Hü Pó Mi.

To M. C. White, M. D.—Hü Yong Mi.

To S. L. Baldwin, D. D.—Sia Sek Ong.

To Rev. F. Ohlinger.—N. Sites and Ü Sieu E.

IV. FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To Amoy Missions.—N. Sites, Ngoi Ki Lang.

To Church Missy. Society.—T. Donohue, Chiong Taik Liong.

To Am. Board Mission.—N. Sites, Hü Sing Mi.

V. TO PUBLISH CONFERENCE MINUTES.

N. J. Plumb. W. H. Lacy, Wong Ting Hok, Sia Sek Ong.

VI. TO PREPARE ANNUAL CONF. PROGRAMME.

The Presiding Elders, Sia Sek Ong and the Pastor of T'ieng-ang Tong.

VII. TO PREACH SERMONS.

Conference Sermon.—Li Tiong Chwi, alternate M. C. Wilcox.

Missionary Sermon.—T. Donohue, alternate Ting Ung T'ieu.

VIII. TRUSTEES OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

For Three Years.—N. J. Plumb, W. H. Lacy, Hü Chaik Hang.

For Two Years.—Sia Sek Ong, Hü Sing Mi, Yek Ing Kwang.

For One Year.—Hü Pó Mi, Chiong Taik Liong, Hwong P'an Seng.

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FOOCHOW ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

Foochow, December 5th, 1889.

The Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its thirteenth Session in T'ieng-ang Tong at 9 o'clock December 5th, 1889, Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding.

After appropriate religious exercises, consisting of reading selections from Scripture, singing and prayer, the Conference was called to order by the Bishop.

The roll was called by last year's Secretary and N. Sites was chosen interpreter.

The Secretaries were then elected as follows:

N. J. Plumb, English Secretary.

Wong Ting Hok, Chinese Secretary, with

Ting Ung T'ieu as assistant.

W. H. Lacy, Statistical Secretary.

The time for holding the Sessions was on motion fixed at from 9 to 12 o'clock each forenoon, each Session to be prefaced by a prayer-meeting from 8.30 to 9 o'clock.

The fifth seat in front of the rostrum was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

The Presiding Elders were elected a committee on the nomination of Standing Committees, to report to-morrow morning.

The Bishop presented a letter from the Book Concern in New York stating that $400 had been appropriated to this Conference from the Book Concern Dividends, and on motion the draft was ordered, the money to be passed over to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

The 20th question was then taken up. The name of N. J.

Plumb, Presiding Elder of the Foochow District, was called and his character passed. He represented his district showing a favorable condition of the work and a good advance in the contributions.

The names of the following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections.

J. H. Worley (absent on leave in U. S. A.) N. Sites, W. H. Lacy, Hü Pó Mi, Sie Seng Chang, Hü Yong Mi, Hü Chaik Hang, Ling Sëü Ing, T. Donohue, Hü Sing Mi, G. B. Smyth, Chiong Taik Liong, Sia Sek Ong.

The name of Yek Ing Kwang, Presiding Elder of the Hok-ch'iang District, was called, his character passed and he reported his district, showing an increase in the membership and in the contributions.

His report contained many interesting facts concerning the work. The members had on some of the circuits done admirably in making up deficiencies in the preachers' salaries and contributing for the erection of churches.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections. Ü Sieu E, Hwong P'au Seng, Ting Neng Chiek, Sie Hwo Mi, Sia Heng T'ó.

The name of Li Tiong Chwi, Presiding Elder of the Hing-hwa District, was called, his character passed and he gave an encouraging report of his district.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections. Ting Ching Kwong, Ling Ming Chiong, Ling Ching Chieng (absent), Sia Lieng Li (detained at home by sickness in his family), Yong Taik Ch'eu.

The name of Ting Ka Sing, Presiding Elder of the Hai-t'ang District, was called, his character passed and he represented his district.

The name of Hwong Taik Chiong, the only effective Elder on the District was called, his character passed and he reported his missionary collection.

The name of Ngoi Ki Lang, Presiding Elder of the Ing-ch'ung

District was called, his character passed and he represented his district.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: Cheng Chong Ming, Song Kwong Hwo, Ling Seng Eü.

The name of M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder of the K'u-ch'eng District, was called his character passed and he represented his district. His report showed a prosperous condition of the District and revivals on some of the circuits.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: Ting Siu K'üng, Ting Ung T'ieu, Lau Kwang Hüng. When the name of Tiong Ming Tung was called, a bill of charges was handed in by one of his members. This was referred to the Bishop for investigation.

On nomination of W. H Lacy, Hü Sing Mi was elected assistant Statistical Secretary.

The time for adjournment having arrived various announcements were made, after which the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Andrews.

SECOND DAY.

Foochow, December 6th, 1889.

The Conference met at the hour appointed, Bishop Andrews in the chair. The Religious exercises were conducted by Sia Heng T'ó and the Bishop made some most appropriate and earnest remarks on the need of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The roll was then called by the secretary, and the minutes of the previous Session were read in both English and Chinese and approved.

The Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees reported and the following were unanimously elected by the Conference.—

1. On State of the Church.—The Missionaries and the Presiding Elders.

2. On Education.—N. Sites, M. C. Wilcox, Yek Ing Kwang, Hü Pó Mi, Ting Ka Sing, Tang Seng Ling, Ngoi Ki Lang.

3. On Sabbath Schools.—G. B. Smyth, Ü Sieu E, Ting Ung T'ieu, Li Tiong Chwi, Song Kwong Hwo.

4. On Religious Literature.—W. H. Lacy, Hü Sing Mi, Sia Heng T'ó, Ling Ming Ch'iong, Ting Siu K'üng.

5. On Temperance.—Sia Sek Ong, Yong Taik Ch'eu, Cheng Chong Ming, Hwong P'au Seng, Saëng Ngük Ch'üng.

6. On Sabbath Observance.—N. J. Plumb, T. Donohue, Chiong Taik Liong, Saëng Hok Lieng, Hü Chaik Hang, Wong Kwok Hing, Hwong Taik Ch'iong.

N. J. Plumb presented the Annual Report of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society as follows:

The S. P. A. Society in act. with the Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Paid to Deposit act.	$ 985.00	By Balance in Treasury	$ 689.00
„ „ Mrs Tang King Tong	30.00	„ Book Concern Dividend	158.44
„ „ Mrs Ling Ching Ting	30.00	„ Balance Ins. Co.	347.70
„ Loaned to Hü Sing Mi	200.00	„ Paid by Hü Chaik Hang	23.00
„ Balance in hand	1.14	„ Interest paid by J. H. Worley	28.00
	$ 1246.14		$ 1246.14

N. J. Plumb President,

Foochow, December 6th, 1889. and acting Treasurer.

This Report was on motion accepted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The 20th Question was then resumed.

The name of P'ang Ting Hie, Presiding Elder of the Yong-ping District was called, his character passed and he represented his district, showing an encouraging condition of the work on most of the circuits.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: Tong Sëük Pwo, Taing Kwang Ing, Taing Kieng Ing, Tang Seng Ling.

On motion the Presiding Elders were instructed to hand in their written reports to the Committee on publishing Conference minutes.

On motion the following Committee was appointed to publish

the Conference minutes in both English and Chinese: N. J. Plumb, W. H. Lacy, Wong Ting Hok, Sia Sek Ong, and the pastor of T'iengang Tong.

The Committee was, on motion, instructed to issue the Chinese minutes within one month.

On motion it was decided that when Committees present their reports they must be in both Chinese and English before being considered by the Conference.

The 18th Question, *Who are the Supernumerary preachers?*, was then taken up and the name of Wong Ting Hok was called.

The Bishop asked him if he had anything to say to the Conference in regard to his health and he made a few remarks to the effect that he was still unable to enter the active work.

His character was then passed and on motion he was continued in the Supernumerary relation.

The name of Wong Eüng Ch'iong was also called, but he not being present his case was postponed for future consideration.

The 3d question, *Who remain on trial?*, was taken up and the names of the following persons were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: Ting Hieng Ngieu, Wong Te Ki, Ting Nik Sing, Cheng Ung Wong, Ting Tai Liong, Saëng Hok Lieng, Siek Sek Tiong. These having passed their examinations in the first year's studies were continued on trial. Ü Sieu Yeu not having passed the examination was continued in the first year studies and remains on trial.

Saëng Ngük Ch'ung having been detained by sickness so that he arrived too late for examination, remains in the first year studies and was continued on trial.

Ting Taing T'ieu not being present and not having been examined was continued on trial and remains in the first years studies.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, notices of Committees were given, the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

December 7th, 1889.

The Conference met at 8.30, Bishop Andrews in the chair. The Religious Services were conducted by Hwong P'au Seng.

The minutes of the previous session were read in both Chinese and English and approved.

The Bishop, resuming the 20th question, called the name of Tiong Ming Tung, and stated that he had carefully examined the complaints made against this brother and found them to consist of two parts: 1st, Presenting false charges against complainant and aiding the Secretary of the quarterly Conference to make a record to suit himself. 2d, Taking the bill of charges out of the hands of the Chairman of the Quarterly Conference.

The Bishop then stated that these do not on their face show reason for bringing charges against a preacher in the Conference. There may have been great improprieties but not the violation of any law of the Church.

The Bishop further said that he feared the brother against whom the Charges had been brought had sometimes been rash and high tempered. A pastor should rarely exercise the power of bringing charges against a member of his church. This pastor he thought had not acted in accordance with wise judgment.

The Bishop, while rejecting the charges, earnestly exhorted the brother to get more of the love of Christ in his heart and do his utmost to save souls.

The character of Tiong Ming Tung was then passed.

The 14th Question, *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*, was taken up.

The names of the following persons were called and they having been duly recommended were elected to Elders Orders: Ting Soi Ling, Ling Saëng Lai, Ling Ming Sang.

Ting Yok Ngwong was not present for examination. A letter was read from him explaining the cause of his absence. He was continued in the 2nd class of Deacons.

The 13th question,—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the 2nd class?*, was taken up.

The names of Wong Ting Hok and Li Nga Hung were called and they having passed the 4th year's studies were advanced to the 2nd class of Deacons.

The 5th question was taken up,—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

The name of Wong Kwok Hing was called. He came forward and was presented to the Conference. After a brief address the Bishop asked him the Disciplinary questions. Having passed the studies of the 2nd year, and being duly recommended, he was received into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Under the 18th question the name of Wong Eüng Ch'iong was called. He was questioned by the Bishop as to his health and there being no good reason for his continuance in the Supernumerary relation he was granted a location at his own request.

The 10th question,—*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*, was taken up and the following persons having passed their examinations and being duly recommended were elected to Deacon's Orders: Wong Ki Siong, Siek Ch'iong T'ieng, Ling Ch'iong Ling, Ngu Muk Ong, Ting Tó Chieng, Wong Nik Sing, Ting Kie Hwi, Chüng Ka Eu, Chüng Ek Lieng, Hu Ing Ing, Tiang Chiong Ch'aiu, Tieng Ung Chieu.

At this point the hour for the reception of fraternal delegates having arrived the order of the day was taken up.

The Rev. C. Hartwell of the Am. Board Mission was introduced and made a few remarks in regard to the work in that mission.

The Rev. Ll. Lloyd and Rev. Mr. Ngoi of the Church Mission were introduced and spoke briefly of their work.

The Rev. Eyton-Jones who had just arrived from England for the work of the C. M. S. at Fuh-ning was introduced and spoke a few earnest words.

The representatives of the Woman's Conference were also present and addressed the Conference. Mrs. Ngu Hwoi Mu spoke for Dr.

Carleton and Mrs. Hü Chaik Tüng made a brief and earnest address.

Letters of greeting from the Presbyterian Mission at Amoy and the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Peking were read.

The substance of a letter from Dr. S. L. Baldwin was given by Hü Yong Mi, who also presented letters from Mr. Gibson and Prof. M. C. White, which were laid over to be read at a later session. The Doxology was sung and after the Congregation had dispersed the 11th question was resumed. The Names of Tiang Chieng Chaiu, Hu Ing Ing, Tieng Ung Ch'au were presented and they being duly recommended and having passed the examination were elected local Deacons.

The 16th question was taken up,—*What Local Deacons have been elected to Elder's Orders?*.

The following persons having passed their examinations and being duly recommended were elected to Local Elder's orders: Ung Kwong Koi, Ting Ung Sü.

The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Rev. C. Hartwell.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, Dec. 9th, 1889.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Andrews in the Chair.

The religious exercises were conducted by Kong Sing Chaë.

The minutes of the previous Session were read and approved. Some remarks were made in regard to making the Conference record in two languages, and the Bishop decided that while the minutes made in the two languages could not be exactly alike as regards the words yet they must be so as to the facts stated, as both of the records are approved by the Conference.

The Bishop then presented the following Certificate of Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

This certifies that in Foochow, China, on Sunday the 8th day of December A. D. 1889, the following named persons were ordained Deacons by the undersigned, viz:

Wong Ki Siong.	Ngu Muk Ong.
Siek Ch'iong T'ieng.	Ling Ch'iong Ling.
Ting To Cheng.	Wong Nik Sing.
Ting K'ie Hwi.	Chüng Ka Eu.
Chüng Ek Lieng.	Tiang Chiong Ch'aiu.
Hu Ing Ing.	Tieng Ung Chieu.

Wong Kwok Hing.

and that on the same day in the same place the following named persons were ordained Elders by the undersigned assisted by several Elders, viz:

Ting Soi Ling.	Ling Saëng Lai.
Ling Ming Sang.	Ting Ung Sü.

Ung Kwong Koi.

Given under my hand at Foochow, the ninth day of December, A. D. 1889.

Edward G. Andrews.

N. Sites presented the report of the Committee on Course of Study which was considered at some length and adopted.(See Reports.)

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was then read.

Bishop Andrews addressed the Conference on this subject, urging its great importance and the report was then with some emendations adopted. (See Reports.)

On motion this report and the one adopted by the Conference last year were ordered printed in sheet form for general distribution and G. B. Smyth was requested to see that this be promptly attended to.

The Statistical report was then presented by the secretary W. H. Lacy. This he prefaced by a few remarks in regard to the great dis-

crepancy between the number of conversions reported and the number added to the Church.

The report was read in Chinese showing a sum total as follows:

Members,	2450	Missionary money,	$ 378.27
Probationers,	1412	Support of Pastors,	1219.39
Children baptized,	153	Church building,	2604.21
Conversions,	648	Various Local purposes,	655.45

The Bishop then made some very instructive and much needed remarks to the Conference in regard to the subject of conversion.

Only those should be counted as converted who have given themselves entirely to the Savior and give evidence of conversion by their changed lives.

He then recommended that the figures of this item in the report be referred to the Presiding Elders for correction and the Report was adopted subject to this correction and ordered printed. (See Statistical Table.)

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented.

It elicted a long and interesting discussion and Bishop Andrews addressed the Conference on this subject emphasizing its extreme importance and advising the preachers to carefully study the Discipline for explicit directions as to their duties in this matter.

The committee appointed by the Conference to ascertain what persons should receive aid from the Conference Preachers Aid Society made its report, recommending that the widows of Tang King Tong and Ling Ching Ting be assisted to the amount of $2 a month each, and the recommendation was adopted.

The term of N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley and Hü Chaik Hang as members of the Board of Trustees of this society having expired, N. J. Plumb, W. H. Lacy and Hü Chaik Hang were elected to serve for the next three years.

A Report from the Ku Ch'eng local missionary society was read and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Reports.)

The 33d question was then called,—*Where shall the next Conference be held?* and T'ieng Ang Tong, Foochow was chosen.

Several letters of greeting for which there had not been time at the previous session were read by the Secretary: viz., from Mrs Gibson of San Francisco, Prof M. C. White M. D. of Yale College, Rev. F. Ohlinger and Mrs. Ohlinger of Corea, and Dr. S. L. Baldwin, Recording Secretary of the M. E. Missionary Society in New York.

The Conference then adjourned by expiration of time.

The doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Andrews.

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FIFTH DAY.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 1889.

The Conference assembled for the Religious services at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Andrews in the chair. They were conducted by Ting Siu K'ăng.

The business of the session commenced with the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous session.

The Committee appointed to prepare names for the examining Committees for next year reported and their recommendations were adopted. (See Committees.)

N. J. Plumb presented his report on the Mission Press, the Fokien Christian Advocate, &c.

The Bishop stated that this being in the nature of a report of personal work as agent of the Conference it is not customary to adopt it but to receive it and order it printed. He then added a few words on this subject, congratulating the Conference on the prosperous condition of its publishing establishment here, and urged upon all the duty of not only taking a deep interest in reading our Christian literature but in distributing it throughout the country. The report was then on motion accepted and ordered printed in the minutes.(See Reports.)

G. B. Smyth presented the Report of the Foochow University, including the Anglo-Chinese College, the Theological School and the Normal Department. This was read in English and the substance of it given to the Conference by the interpreter, the Chinese translation not having been completed. The report was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Reports.)

Under the 2nd question,—*Who are admitted on trial?*, the following persons, having passed their examinations and having been duly recommended were received on trial: Li Kwong Sieu, Ling Mi Ing, Li Ki Ch'iong, T'iang Ngük Chëü.

The report on Day Schools was read as a part of the Report of the Committee on Education and adopted. (See Reports.)

The remainder of the report, referring more especially to the College and other Schools at Foochow was also read and adopted. (See Reports.)

A committee, appointed by the Foochow District Conference to prepare a Course of Study for Local Preachers and Exhorters, presented a report which, with a little change, was adopted. (See Reports, Course of Study.)

The Committee on Temperance presented a report which on motion was amended by striking out the second clause and adopted as amended. (See Reports.)

On motion G. B. Smyth and Sia Sek Ong were appointed delegates to visit the Woman's Conference this afternoon.

The following appointments were then made by the Conference:

TO WRITE LETTERS OF GREETING.

To West China Mission—W. H. Lacy, Hü Yong Mi.

To Central China Mission—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong.

To North China Mission—M. C. Wilcox, Ting Ung T'ieu.

To Japan Conference—N. J. Plumb, Yek Ing Kwang.

To Mrs. O. Gibson—Hü Pó Mi.

To M. C. White, M. D.—Hü Yong Mi.

To S. L. Baldwin, D. D.—Sia Sek Ong.

To Rev. F. Ohlinger—N. Sites, and Ü Sieu E.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To Amoy Missions—Ngoi Ki Lang, N. Sites.

To Church Miss. Society—T. Donohue, Chiong Taik Liong.

To Am. Board Mission—Hü Sing Mi, Siek Sek Tiong.

TO PREPARE ANNUAL CONF. PROGRAMME.

The Presiding Elders, Sia Sek Ong and Hü Yong Mi.

TO PREACH SERMONS.

An. Conference Sermon—Li Tiong Chwi Alternate, M. C. Wilcox.

Missionary Sermon—T. Donohue, Alternate, Ting Ung T'ieu.

On motion a vote of thanks was given to the Conference entertainment Committee.

The following Resolutions were presented by W. H. Lacy and adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved: That this Conference has highly appreciated the presence of Bishop Andrews during our Session. His kindly spirit and cheering words have been an encouragement to us. His ripe experience has greatly helped us in our plans of work. His eloquent sermon, and earnest exhortations to zealous consecrated lives in our ministry, have been an inspiration and a blessing to us.

Resolved: That the prayers of this Conference will follow Bishop and Mrs. Andrews on their homeward journey, and if in the providence of God they ever return to this field we will most cordially receive them.

The minutes of the Session were then read in both English and Chinese and approved.

On motion it was decided that when the appointments shall have been read the Conference stands adjourned.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference in a few earnest words, urging the great importance of a deeper work of the Spirit and a more complete consecration to God and his service.

The appointments were then read, the Doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

N. J. Plumb,
Secretary.

E. G. Andrews,
President.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Foochow, China, Dec. 5th to Dec. 10th, 1888, Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding, N. J. Plumb, Secretary.

QUEST. 1. *Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?* None.

QUEST. 2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?* Li Kwong Sieu, Ling Mi Ing, Li Ki Ch'iong, T'iang Ngük Chëü.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?* Ting Hing Ngieu, Wong Ti Ki, Ting Nik Sing, Siek Sek Tiong, Cheng Ung Wong, Ü Sieu Yeu, Ting Tai Liong, Saëng Ngük Ch'ung, Ting Taing Tieu, Saëng Hok Lieng.

QUEST. 4. *Who are Discontinued?* None.

QUEST. 5. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?* Wong Kwok Hing.

QUEST. 6. *Who are Re-admitted?* None.

QUEST. 7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?* None.

QUEST. 8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?* Wong Kwok Hing.

QUEST. 9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* Wong Kwok Hing.

QUEST. 10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?* Hu Ing Ing, Tiang Chiong Ch'aiu, Wong Ki Siong, Siek Ch'iong T'ieng, Ling Ch'iong Ling, Ngu Muk Ong, Ting Tó Cheng, Wong Nik Sing, Ting K'ie Hwi, Chüng Ka Eu, Chüng Ek Lieng, Tieng Ung Chieu.

QUEST. 11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* Hu Ing Ing, Tiang Chiong Ch'aiu, Wong Ki Siong, Siek Ch'iong T'ieng, Ling Ch'iong Ling, Ngu Muk Ong, Ting Tó Ch'eng, Wong Nik Sing, Ting K'ie Hwi, Chüng Ka Eu, Chüng Ek Lieng, Tieng Ung Chieu.

QUEST. 12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?* Wong

Kwok Hing.

QUEST. 13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?* Ting Yok Ngwong, Wong Ting Hok, Li Ngá Hung.

QUEST. 14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?* Ting Soi Ling, Ling Saëng Lai, Ling Ming Sang.

QUEST. 15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?* Ting Soi Ling, Ling Saëng Lai, Ling Ming Sang.

QUEST. 16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?* Ung Kwong Koi, Ting Ung Sü.

QUEST. 17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?* Ung Kwong Koi, Ting Ung Sü.

QUEST. 18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* Wong Ting Hok.

QUEST. 19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* None.

QUEST. 20. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* This was strictly done, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

QUEST. 21. *Have any Died?* None.

QUEST. 22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?* None.

QUEST. 23. *Have any Withdrawn?* None.

QUEST. 24. *Have any been Located at their own request?* Wong Eüng Ch'iong.

QUEST. 25. *Have any been Located?* None.

QUEST. 26. *Have any been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* None.

QUEST. 27. *Have any been Expelled?* None.

QUEST. 28. *Who are selected to be Triers of Appeals?* None appointed.

QUEST. 29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?* See Statistics.

QUEST. 30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* $48.00

QUEST. 31. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?* $563.94; passed over to the Treasurer of the S. P. A. S.

QUEST. 32. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See appointments.

QUEST. 33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?* Tieng Ang Tong, Foochow.

CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

FIRST YEAR.

Li Ki Ch'iong, Song Ngük Chung, Ting Teng Tiu, Ü Siu Yeu, Li Kwong Sieu, Ling Mi Ing, T'iang Ngük Chëü.

SECOND YEAR.

Siek Sek Tiong, Ting Hieng Ngieu, Wong Te Ki, Ting Nik Sing, Cheng Ung Wong, Ting Lai Liong, Song Hok Lieng.

THIRD YEAR.

Wong Kwok Hing.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Ling Ching Ing, Su Ching Ko, Wong Meu T'ang, Lau Sü Ming, Tiong Pwong Lük, Wong Tai Wong, Ngu Sing Chiong, Ting Yeu Hok, Ting King Chiong, Siek Lieng Kieng, Sie Chai Mi, Ting Seng Mi, Ma King Lwang, Siek Chiong Ki, Siek Ch'iong K'ong, Ü Seng Seu, Ting K'ai Kwok, Ü Yeng Ngüng, Ü Keng King, Ho Pau Yeu, Ho Tiong Pong, Ngu Kiu T'ó, Wong Hung Liong, Wong Ik Twak, Wong Wang Ki, Hü Ngwong Tang, Tang Chai Tung, Ngieng Ngong Heng, Ung Ang Soi, Ho Tieu Yeu, Ting Eü Cheng, Cheng Ing Sang, Cheng Ing Ngwong, Ting Ek Mui, Kwok Chiong Maiu, Ko Hieng Sieu, Ting T'ieng Ling, Tang Cha Liong, Tang T'ieng Ling, Tiong Tiong Mi, Ting Teng Nieng, Ngu Ing Hwak, Ling Cheng Long, Li T'ieng Ting, Ü Seng Tüng, Wong Sik Sëü, Ling Hok Lwang, Ting Song Sing, Wong O Ch'ing, Wong Kie Ngwong, Song Hok To, Song Ing Mi, Song Ing Ong, Ling Hai Lang, Ting Seng Sieng, Ngu Ch'ing P'ang, Hü Ngwong Ko, Ting Ung Ing, Ting Chiong Tong, Ch'ai Soi Tiong, Ling Sing Ngwong, Cheng Chong Yeng, Ngu Ka Eng, Ting Ngwong Chiong, Ting Ching Li, Ting Seng Chiong, Wong King Chu, Ting Teng Ngük, Chüng Taik Ming, Kong Tiong Ko, T'iang Chieng Hieng, Ling Sing Ngük, Li Sieng Eng, Li Ting Twang, Chieu K'ie Ü, Ü Tek Hu, Ko Taik Ong, T'iang Nguk Ch'ieu, Ling Sing King, Ting Hiong Ching, Ling Ch'ing Mi, Wong Chie Li, Ting Sing Seng, Ting Luk Ngieng, Ting Kiu Ü, Wong Tai Chong, Wong Po Ang, Siek Ki Chiong, Hu Ing Ch'ieu, Hu Ing Lüng, Hu Ing Li.

REPORTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

N. J. Plumb, Presiding Elder.

The past year has been one of unusual interest and encouragement.

The preachers have been faithful to their work and their reports at the District Conference recently held show that they have been zealous in their efforts to save souls.

While the increase in members has not been large there has been a decided advance in the Contributions on nearly every circuit, and for the support of preachers there has been an advance of more than $50.

When Bishop Fowler was here last year he laid special stress upon the matter of preaching to the public at the street chapels here in Foochow. This has always been done to some extent and was formerly the principal work of the Missionaries and native preachers, but during recent years, owing to the increasing demands of the country work and the educational work comparatively little has been done in this direction.

The Bishop urged that this work where so many people are accessible, be taken up in earnest and in making the appointments kept this specially in view. He selected for these city charges the best men to be had with a foreigner in charge of each.

With this plan we began the year and, although our forces have been somewhat broken by the departure of Bro. Worley for the U. S. and the poor health of Bro. Donohue, I am satisfied that much good seed sowing has been done.

The practice of opening the chapels in the evening has been adopted and has proven very encouraging. The better class of people then have leisure and often come and spend the whole evening listen-

ing to preaching. We have been able to make the best trial of this at Siu Liang Tong. The people in that vicinity have always been considered very antagonistic to the Gospel, but in no instance have they shown any rudeness but always the most friendly spirit.

It has been our aim to carry out another of Bishop Fowler's suggestions, which was to follow up those hearers who became interested, going to their places of business and personally urging them to accept the truth.

As the outcome of this work a number of inquirers have given in their names and a new society has been organized and the prospect appears encouraging. At Ching Sing Tong this kind of work has been engaged in with good results. Faithful pastoral work has been done, several prodigals have returned, and a number of probationers been received. The Sabbath congregations are larger than they have been for years.

East Street is a very hard field but good work has been done and some impression made. The Dispensary work carried on there by Dr. Gregory and Dr. Carleton has attracted good audiences affording excellent opportunities for preaching There has been some advance in both the membership and the contributions.

I cannot speak in detail of the other parts of the work but on most of the circuits there has been progress and cause for encouragement.

The T'ieng Ang Tong charge, under the faithful pastoral services of Hü Yong Mi, has prospered. The numbers have been larger than during any previous year. The Church is now too small for the large Sabbath congregations and plans have been entertained of trying to secure funds for its enlargement. We are greatly indebted to J. H. Love, Esq. for the four new and beautiful lamps by which the church is now so well lighted.

The Educational work has been specially prosperous and several of the most intelligent Christian young men of the Anglo-Chinese College have received exhorters licenses. The Biblical Institute is full to overflowing, but I leave the Schools for those in charge to report.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

TING KA SING, PRESIDING ELDER.

Previous to this year the work now included in the Hai-tang District was a part of the Hok-ch'iang District, but by the favor of Bishop Fowler it was designated as a separate district.

It is true that the limits of the district are very narrow but the abilities of the presiding elder are much narrower.

Whence but from God could come the wisdom necessary for the official duties of this district? I blushed for shame at my own weakness when the appointment was made. Much more did I feel my weakness when required to serve as pastor also of the T'ang-t'au circuit on which are three churches, requiring ten miles of travel. Being thus called to do the work of two men I have quite largely had to neglect one for the sake of the other.

To my great joy God has not cast me off because of my short comings but has continually granted his favor upon me and I have often realized with Paul that "when I am weak them am I strong."

Although at present there is not one Christian to every hundred idolaters, yet I trust the time will come when Christianity shall triumph and idolatry be no more. Although persecution is now very prevalent throughout the district, by the help of God the time will come when the churches shall have rest from their foes.

During the year I have endeavored carefully to observe the discipline in the supervision of the work that in all places matters might be in good shape.

In T'ang-t'au the homes of the members are in the market streets where they daily toil to earn their living, and the temptations to keep their shops open have been so strong that there were few who faithfully observed the whole of the Sabbath day.

When I saw this condition of things my heart yearned for them and I ceased not to pray for them and exhort them to give up all Sabbath toil.

By the grace of God his Spirit was given to dispel the ignorance from the hearts of these members so that at the beginning of the new

year four families closed their shops and carefully observed the whole Sabbath. My heart was comforted and encouraged at this but still there were others who did not listen to my exhortations and upon two of these families serious calamities came which aroused my pity.

In the eighth month I received a probationer who by the grace of God was persuaded to close his shop at the beginning of the tenth month.

As the ripening of one kernel of grain indicates that soon the whole ear will be ripe, I trust the progress of the Gospel in this one island may be assumed as a true indication that soon all the islands not only near here but throughout the whole earth will come under the sway of our Christ.

HING-HWA DISTRICT.

LI TIONG CHWI, PRESIDING ELDER.

That a man of such inferior abilities should be appointed to the important work of a presiding elder filled me with fear and trembling.

The delays caused by moving and the interference of the China New Year made it impossible for me to visit more than a few stations during the first quarter. During the third quarter the heat was so intense that travel was difficult and dangerous, but during the second and fourth quarters all the circuits were visited and looked after in the disciplinary manner, their condition examined, and the preachers exhorted to zealous exertion in the service of Christ.

The Hing-hwa district is very large and contains a vast multitude of people. There is much unbelief and superstition among the people as well as great zeal for Buddhism.

In this heathenism the people are very obstinate, and in their lives they are very wicked. It is not strange to see brawls and fights among them. From trifles great quarrels and fights grow, resulting in murders. Frequently the quarrels bring on village fights, preventing all intercourse between neighboring villages. For this reason the district that can be reached from one Gospel center is often very limited and it is necessary that chapels be located in many more

villages than would otherwise be necessary.

The pressure of poverty and the outside influences are so strong that in some places it is difficult to maintain faithful observance of the Sabbath on the part of some of the members.

Not unfrequently are attempts made by large heathen families to compel smaller and less influential Christian families to contribute towards the expense of idol processions. When these demands are resisted the heathen resort to violence and destroy or carry off the property of the Christians.

In my travels among the people, I have exhorted the members to endure these persecutions patiently and to pray for help. In some cases this has been in vain as the people were afraid to attend the services. It is therefore very difficult for the Gospel to make much headway.

For years past there has been much trouble resulting from unjust taxation of church members, but we have cause to thank God that there has been much less of it during the past year.

Hina-hwa City: Here there has been considerable interest manifested in the Gospel, resulting in a number of conversions and baptisms.

Kwang-au Circuit: The members are very faithful and the Gospel has taken deep root. The contributions are liberal. The pastor is zealous, carefully observes the discipline, and is very helpful in building up the members. The teacher of the Woman's School is zealous and through her efforts some members of the school have been brought into the faith. It is not strange then that in this place the members are flourishing.

Sa-hiong Circuit: Here many probationers have recently been received from which company I trust there may be much fruit unto life eternal.

Sieng-iu Circuit: The members here are zealous and very liberal in their contributions. The church for which they have long planned has not yet been built, but I trust the Lord will soon enable them to accomplish their desires.

Lieng-chu-li Circuit: Among the membership here there has been much material like withered branches but this has been revived as in the spring time and many new members also have been added. Large contributions have been made to the work of the Lord. On this circuit a large number of Buddhists have become interested in the doctrine and we are praying that they may eventually accept it in their hearts.

Kie-tieng-li Circuit has had but a small increase in contributions, but in spite of severe persecutions many members remain faithful. On this charge is a girls school which has been helpful to the church.

K'ie-sioh Circuit has six preaching appointments for one regularly appointed preacher, but several local preachers have regularly and acceptably assisted the pastor.

Sa-keng Circuit reports no change.

Nang-nik-tó Circuit has no regular pastor but some thirty members have organized, provided a place of worship, and are very desirous for a pastor next year.

Pwo-tieng Circuit is as if asleep and it will probably be better to remove the preacher to some other place.

Hang-keng Circuit has two new appointments where are some zealous members who have been instrumental in inspiring like zeal in the old churches on the circuit.

Pah-sai and T'u-k'ang Circuit has not yet sent any good news to the Elder. It is like a new field from which no fruit has yet been gathered.

As I look over this district I can say "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

HOK-CH'IANG DISTRICT.

Yek Ing Kwang, Presiding Elder.

Last year by the favor of the Bishop this district was divided, by the formation of the Hai-tang district.

The Elder is a man of such small ability and inferior talents that

he could not possibly carry the heavy responsibilities of this work without great help from God.

The demands of the district are such that it is necessary to hold a quarterly meeting, quarterly conference, and school examination every week, sometimes having both a boys and a girls school to examine. Of every quarter there remained but one week to spend at home. Other days, regardless of wind or rain, it was necessary to be out on the district.

Thanks be unto God for his assistance in this work. I am pleased at the way the membership has improved in its knowledge of the truth, contributed liberally in all things, and made an advance in the gifts toward the support of the pastors and presiding elder.

The District has been favored with grants from the Missionary Society to the amount of $740 to aid in the building of three churches. The building committees have been faithful and the churches are now complete. The membership at these points entrusted to me the pleasure of returning thanks to the Missionary Society through the Conference. In other places there are already subscriptions to the amount of $ 1600, to supplement which we have not yet received aid but shall make requests another year.

The Day school are not in a good condition and little can be done for them while the assistance from the Missionary Society is so small.

I am pleased to report the Central school at Hok-ch'iang City as flourishing and successfully preparing students for the Theological School and the Anglo-Chinese College.

We would request for Hok-ch'iang district a large hospital to which many from its myriads of population may come and receive healing of body and soul to the glory of God.

And now a few words as to the individual circuits.

Hok-ch'iang City has an old membership, so well established and disciplined that for the most part they are able to withstand the temptations which come to younger Christians and they are letting their light shine helpfully to others.

Hai-kau Circuit: In the village of Hai-kau several very wicked

men were driven as it were by the lash of Satan into the house of God. They heard the truth, believed to their souls salvation and were received into the church. The circuit is growing stronger and its finances are improving.

NGU-CH'ENG CIRCUIT advances slowly but surely and many have received baptism and entered the church during the year. At Pwang-t'au there has been much persecution as an effort to force the Christians to contribute money for idolatrous purposes. Their crops of rice and sweet potatoes have been seized, their trees cut down, and they brought before the magistrates. This siege of persecution has been going on for three years but through the combined efforts of Consuls Wingate and Campbell, involving a tedious correspondence with the Hok-ch'iang magistrate, in most cases justice has been secured, the stolen property restored to the Christians and they allowed to return to their homes.

KENG-KIANG CIRCUIT advances step by step, year by year. It has no deficits in its finances, all subscriptions having been paid in full. It is in an excellent condition.

KONG-ING CIRCUIT reports no increase in membership. I fear the pastor, as a man of one work, has put his whole strength into the building of the new church somewhat to the neglect of the spiritual condition of the charge.

A-U CIRCUIT has made a good increase in membership and contributions. The pastor is an excellent preacher, he has reproved the perverse, expostulated with the troublesome and disaffected, tenderly cared for the weak and doubting among the members, and been instrumental in transforming the rowdies of the village into friends of the church.

NGU-KA CIRCUIT reports no increase in the number of members but the churches have greatly advanced in their knowledge of Christianity and I hope that by careful nurturing of the many children of the members the most of them may develope into useful members of the church.

HA-YEU CIRCUIT congregations remain about the same. Some

new members have been received and some old ones excluded and dismissed. Many have become interested in the truth and left their idols who have not yet entered the church.

SING-TONG CIRCUIT: In the Lü-a church a few families have been added to the membership. At Ma-hu over twenty have been baptized. The membership receive the word gladly and look on their preacher as a messenger sent from heaven.

SIEK-KENG CIRCUIT: Among its membership there was considerable obstinacy exhibited against the pastor, but he has been faithful and there has been considerable improvement in the condition of the church.

TENG-AING CIRCUIT has a membership which was as bruised reeds and smoking flax; but by the grace of God they have been neither broken nor quenched but have gained strength and will live.

ING CH'UNG DISTRICT.

NGOI KI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

The bounds of the work in this district are small but the surrounding country which it is supposed to include is very large, having a vast population. Our membership is so scattered that in several villages far removed from others there are small companies of believers so few in numbers that it is impossible to provide them with preachers and they are therefore deprived of the privilege of hearing the preaching of the Gospel.

ING-CH'UNG is a busy commercial city and it is very difficult for the Gospel to exert any influence over the people, so absorbed are they in their business. In the village of Tung Kwang the believers gladly provide places of worship in their own homes. In this place some old cases of persecution have not been settled and opposition continues so severe that the members are afraid to venture far from their homes to attend service.

TAIH-HWA CIRCUIT: The temporal and spiritual interests of the circuit have steadily advanced.

CH'IAH-CHWI CIRCUIT has enjoyed general prosperity, several having been baptized and a good number of probationers received.

Taik-ch'eng circuit has a body of very zealous official members. The members are eager to receive the instructions of the pastor and observe the regulations of the church This year they invited the District Conference to meet with them and royally entertained its members, expending over forty dollars for this purpose.

T'ó-ngwong circuit has a band of faithful members who observe the Christian teachings in their lives, even in the midst of many persecutions, as the fir tree preserves its greenness even when covered with the frosts and snows of winter.

T'ong-t'au Circuit has a faithful pastor and a zealous membership. They have regularly held evening meetings for prayer in their homes, thus giving to the people of the village many an opportunity to hear the truth, resulting in an abundant harvest.

U-yong Circuit: The strongest part of this circuit was last year taken over from the care of the English Church Mission. The church purchased from that mission has been finished at an expense of $270, of which $200 was provided by the Missionary Society. The members are delighted in their completed church and happy in their new relation.

During the year there have been 27 baptisms of which 23 were adults. The contributions have amounted to $55 more than the preceeding year.

KU-CH'ENG DISTRICT.

M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder.

During this year the Ku-ch'eng District has had greater prosperity than last year. A few of the circuits have enjoyed gracious revivals.

Ku-ch'eng City as the capital of a civil district presents many obstacles to the propagation of the Gospel. Like Pergamos of old it is Satan's seat. While in that city I have, so far as practicable, had daily street chapel preaching; but so strong are the attractions of the theaters, gambling stands and other forms of amusement that it is sometimes impossible to gather a crowd at our chapel. As a result

of the year's work there are several who are learning the doctrine. The pastor in addition to his regular duties has greatly aided me in buying land and afterwards in settling up the troubles caused by those who prohibited us from using an important road over which we attempted to convey building material for the new house.

Ló K'ang Circuit has had a good year. This circuit is very large and ought to be divided. The people in the western part speak a strange dialect, so we ought to appoint to that part of the work a young man who can quickly overcome the obstacle of the language and soon do efficient work.

Twai-kiang circuit has made very little progress during this year. The pastor is supported by the Ku-ch'eng District Missionary Society.

K'u-te and Pwang-liang Circuit: Pwang-liang has prospered very little but K'u-te and the surrounding villages have been favored with a gracious revival. Quite a large number have already been received into the church and a good many probationers are learning the doctrine and preparing to receive baptism.

Liang-tau Circuit has had a good year and the Gospel has been faithfully preached in many neighboring villages.

Seng-yong has been greatly revived. Quite a number have been received as probationers and several as full members.

Seng-leng Circuit has closed the year with very little fruit. The pastor has had a hard year.

Tong-hwang and Sek-paik-tu Circuit has had a fair year.

Tio-a and Ló-sa-yong were formed into one circuit at the last conference. The class at Ló-sa-yong was last year nearly destroyed by opium. This year the two preachers on the circuit labored faithfully but they could not reclaim the backsliders. At Tio-a the work has been crowned with good results.

Within the bounds of this district there are hundreds of villages that have not yet been reached. We greatly desire to open up a number of new circuits without delay. This great field is "white unto the harvest" and "the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few; pray

ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

I hope that as soon as some of our missionaries can reside at Ku-ch'eng there may be opened a hospital, and schools for women, girls, and boys, superior to the ordinary day schools scattered throughout the district. It is due to these schools to say that they are doing much good and that most of them during this year show a marked improvement. Let all of us who are connected with this part of our work earnestly labor and pray that the Ku-ch'eng district may during the coming year enjoy greater prosperity than ever before.

YONG-PING DISTRICT.

P'ANG TING HIE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Under the direction of the Bishop I have spent another year in charge of this district. It is impossible to say all I might as to the experiences of the year but I will speak a little as to the various circuits.

YONG-PING CITY has a small but zealous membership but very few of the people of the city dare to come near to hear the doctrine, as the gentry are very hostile to Christianity and will not observe the treaty regulations. Every year they cause our church much trouble. This year after some preliminary steps had been taken to rent a house for worship, the literati combined with an old established union of property owners, and trumping up false charges against the landlord and go-between caused their arrest and imprisonment. The latter was severely beaten and suffered from hunger and the filthy condition of the prison for a long time before the efforts of the U. S. Consul were successful in obtaining his release. Although the pastor has been faithful in the discharge of his duty, he has met with no success in persuading people to accept Christianity, as they are so fearful of the literati.

SONG-CH'IONG CIRCUIT: During the first half of the year there were several fights between three or four villages on this circuit and the lawless characters kept the villages in a state of constant alarm, but in

these troubles our members had no interest and enjoyed peace. In one village two members were received, a husband and wife nearly seventy years of age. So earnest were they in seeking a knowledge of the truth that they have surpassed the most ardent hopes of the old members.

Sa-Kaing Circuit sends in no good report. The people are rude and obstinate and it seems difficult to bring about any improvement.

Hu-ngwong Circuit has made some progress. The contributions have been somewhat increased. At Hu-ngwong the members rented a house to use for a chapel and provided furniture for the same. At Se-sek-lĕk-tu there is a farmer's family, five of whom are Christians. They were very zealous for the cause and could not bear to see the people of the village ignorant of the truth of Christ. Accordingly they invited the pastor to come to their home to hold service so that many in that village of darkness have been brought into the light.

Sing-kio and Yong-te Circuit. The members cherish the love of Christ in their hearts and have great relish for the truth. This year some fifteen probationers were received.

Yu-k'a Circuit has a faithful band of members as in other years. At Kwo-sang-t'au in Lĕk-tu the wife of one of the Christians who is very devout and faithful to the cause has shown great cordiality in entertaining the pastor and members and in opening her house for religious services. Although the people of the village have seriously abused and slandered her, she has in no way been discouraged.

Chiong-hu-pwang Circuit: At Chiong-hu-pwang there is nothing fresh to report but at Sek-se-tu, although the members are few, they are faithful in their religious life. During the year they raised $84 toward the building of a church which, with the help of $150 from the Missionary Society, enabled them to complete it.

On the whole district there has been a net increase of but fifteen members but it is a most difficult field and any advance is encouraging. There has been a small increase in the missionary collections also and in the amounts contributed for pastors' support. I trust all who love our Lord Jesus Christ will unite their hearts in most earnest

prayer that to every soul within the bounds of this district the Gospel may come in saving power.

FOOCHOW UNIVERSITY.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

Dear Brethren of the Conference:

I am to report to you to-day on a new institution, the Foochow University. When Bishop Fowler was here last year, he examined our educational work with great care, and thought it would be well to unite the different departments of the work more closely. He accordingly united the Anglo-Chinese College, the Theological School, and the Normal Department into one institution which he called the Foochow University. It was a very great step to take but I think the wisdom of it will be justified by the greater unity of purpose and methods which must characterize the management of our educational work in the future and by the community of feeling which will gradually develope between the students and teachers of the different schools. Every separate department will become stronger in itself and all will contribute to the building up of one powerful central institution to which all our lower schools through all their ranks and grades will lead their scholars up. The limits of this report will not permit of much speculation as to the future and I will ask your immediate attention therefore to a report of each of the schools which constitute this new University. I have prepared a complete catalogue of the institution which is now being printed in America for distribution among our friends in that country.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

The college has had a prosperous year, the number of teachers and scholars being greater than ever before. There have been five foreign and three Chinese teachers, and 102 students. Most of the latter have shown great interest in their studies and have pursued them with commendable diligence. As the subjects studied become more advanced the interest of teachers and students alike naturally increases and with the happiest consequences to both. The students during the earlier years

studied without seeing what their work would lead to, but as they reach the higher classes they begin to see the end from the beginning, and feel that the things to which all the early stages have led them are well worth the labor spent in reaching them.

I am glad to be able to say that with few exceptions the conduct of this large body of students has been highly satisfactory. For great assistance rendered in making it so I desire to thank our able and earnest Monitor, Ting Heng Mi. I wish also to record my special satisfaction with the conduct of the older students. They have set an example of earnest industry and willing obedience to the requirements of the school which has exerted a most salutary influence on the younger scholars. Take them all in all I know of no finer body of students in China. I am glad that I know them, glad that I have worked with them, and look forward with hope to the future before them.

Much again is due to the systematic religious instruction which has been carried on throughout the year, all from the oldest to the youngest spending regularly part of the time in the study of the Bible. At the beginning of the year, with the aid of my colleagues, I prepared a course of study extending over eight years. We have been working on the lines of it as far as possible, but it will take some time, of course, to follow it completely. We have set our ideal however and propose to realize it in time. You all know what the course is having seen it before now in print.

But we not only know better now what we want to do, we are also better prepared to do it. The College has a good supply of apparatus of different kinds for the teaching of science. I had long felt the want of these most necessary aids and when I was in America I fortunately met with friends who were willing to supply our need. There is a good supply of Physical, Chemical and Meteorological Apparatus. We have a fine microscope, and a very fine four-and-a-half inch telescope from the best makers in America is now on the way to us. The Apparatus in the College and being made for it is worth in all about $2000, and there is an additional sum of $300, with which a small observatory will soon be erected. I am sure you will rejoice with me in these valuable

accessions, all of which have been made within the last 12 months.

The health of the students has been good; partly because of the fine building in which they live, partly because of the gymnastic exercises which are a regular part of their work, and partly because the life they live tends to health mentally, spiritually, physically. This and the features of our school life have impressed many persons so favorably that, though not Christians themselves, they have besought us to let their sons live in our buildings while pursuing their studies.

But though we have much to be thankful for, we want much yet. We want more teachers. We have not teachers enough now to teach thoroughly the students we have. We want at least two more persons who will devote all their time to this work, men who intend to make teaching their profession. We want a new building. The present dormitory is full, and there are many students seeking admission for next year but many of them must be refused because of lack of room for them. We need another building erected especially for College work, with lecture rooms, laboratories and the other conveniences of a first class school. We need a medical department. The founding of such a department for the training of native physicians has always been kept in view. Every Presiding Elder in the Conference wants a foreign physician in his district. Let us strive all together to secure a physician for the Anglo-Chinese College and there will be trained here the men you so sorely need. We want many other things which I will not mention now.

I must not close without recording my sincere appreciation of the faithful work done by those who have assisted me, Rev. Wm. H. Lacy, Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Sites, Mrs. Plumb, Mrs Lacy, and Dr. Gregory. It is not necessary here to speak of the labors of each, but I do not hesitate to say that the history of this College, will show as noble a record of faithful and self denying work on the part of some of the teachers as that which any school or College connected with our Church can show.

What more can I say? Much, were there time. But nothing more is needed. In conclusion let me say that the future of the Col-

lege is assured. The stage of doubt is passed, we have reached the better land of assured success. I rejoice in the prospect before us. This College is here to stay, and I believe that the years as they pass will give ever increasing proof of the wisdom of its founders, and that it will take a large and glorious part in the mighty work of building up the Church of God in China.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

This is the first time I have had the privilege of presenting a report to this Conference on the Theological School. It comes about now in this way. Last March the Rev J. H. Worley, after five years of service, was ordered to America on account of ill health and I was appointed to fill his place. I am sure you will all join with me in hoping for his speedy recovery and for his early return to this field of labor.

Because of my duties in the Anglo-Chinese College I have not been able to teach in this school but my connection with it has neverthless been a source of great pleasure to me. It has given me some opportunity of associating with the young men who are preparing for the Ministry of our Church in this Province. I shall always think with pleasure of the few months during which I have been with them.

For teaching outside the purely native course, the students are indebted to Dr. Sites, Mr. Plumb and Dr. Sia Sek Ong. They have tried, as far as possible, to work along the lines of the course of study laid down for the school at the beginning of the year. Before its adoption it was very carefully considered by all the teachers and we hope that it will be found suited to the work of the school. Twenty students have pursued the regular course, and six a preparatory course begun last year for young men who, desirous of entering the ministry and recommended by their Quarterly Conferences, have not sufficient education to enter on the regular course. I take great pleasure in bearing witness to the great interest the teachers have taken in their work. We are especially indebted to Bro. Sia Sek Ong. He has lived in the building and by his association with the students and direct teaching in the class room has exerted a most salutary influence on the character of the school.

All the teachers unite in saying that the students have manifested great interest in their studies and have pursued them with diligence. I can myself testify to the existence of a strong desire for reading of a high character. I have tried to satisfy it as far as possible by purchasing such books as I could, and by subscribing for "The Review of the Times", a most valuable monthly, edited by the Rev. Young J. Allen, D. D., of Shanghai. A studious, thoughtful, earnest spirit has pervaded the whole school.

In addition to their work in the lecture room, the students have taken a large part in the services at the street chapels, they have held services on Sunday afternoons at the Hospitals and have greatly assisted the pastor of this church in his Sunday evening services.

In many respects I think I notice a distinct advance religiously, and a better understanding of the nature of the work they are being trained to do. Books alone however great, teachers alone however learned, will not fit them for it; they must be led by the Spirit of the Master. Christ is himself the Supreme Teacher, and fellowship with Him is the best training school for the Ministers of His Church.

Last June four students graduated and took work under the Elders. I have heard good reports of their character and work, and look forward to their future with hope.

But this is only one of the classes which have graduated from this school. A large number of the men who are now in this Conference are its graduates. Without great facilities for teaching, without a great library, and with teachers whose work has often been interrupted by the pressure of other duties, it has been like a fostering mother to this church, training its sons for the noblest service. I hope its facilities for work may soon be enlarged, that it may have a building better suited to its needs, and last, but not least, a good library. But a good theological library must grow up slowly. Many of the books which are to make it are not yet in the Chinese language. There is not, for instance, a single commentary on the Old Testament or on any book of it. I hope to see this deficiency soon partly supplied, and I trust some of our own missionaries and some of the students of

the Anglo-Chinese College will take some part in this much needed work. But those of you who do not know English can do a great deal.

Some of you have studied the Bible for years, you have felt the power of its great truths in the guidance of your own lives, you know what your people need. Why then can you not think of this subject and see whether you cannot do something toward the developement of a purely native Christian literature? There is much more that I would like to say along this line, but the limits of this report will not allow it.

Before closing let me urge upon Pastors and Presiding Elders alike, the necessity of assisting us in this most important work of training candidates for the Christian Ministry. How can you do it? By paying more attention to the schools in which the boys are first taught; by seeing that those schools are thoroughly Christian in their character; and then by carefully selecting from among those who wish to enter this Theological School, those who are the brightest in intellect, the most forceful in character, and the most spiritual and devoted in their religious lives. Let us honor God, brethren, by devoting the best we have to his service. Thus shall we have in this school the best talent of the church consecrating itself to the service of Christ, and preparing itself for the highest usefulness in that high service. Those of us who are connected with its management will cooperate with you in every effort to prepare the best young men of the church for the best possible work in which men can be engaged. Let the Theological School then be thought of in your largest plans; think of it as you travel through your districts; and especially remember it when alone with God.

The Normal Department.

This department has two teachers and 23 scholars. At present it is an elementary school in which are taught the native classics and some of the simpler Christian books. Most of the pupils are very young. This school has to some extent acted as a feeder to the Theological School and the College. The course of study has recently been enlarged and it is proposed to have a normal course in which shall be trained such students as wish to acquire thoroughly their own lan-

guage and an elementary knowledge of western sciences. The need of such a school is very great, both to send up better prepared boys to the Theological School and the Anglo-Chinese College, and to prepare teachers for our village and district schools. We need such teachers and the work of the Normal Department will be to prepare them.

I have now gone rapidly over the story of the three departments of the University and I think you will see much ground for thankfulness and hope. There have been in all 151 students. This is a large number committed to our care. Those who are entrusted with the duty of governing and teaching them ask for the earnest cooperation of this Conference in their work. Think of us, pray for us, and we will endeavor to make of this University all that its name implies. Our most earnest hope is that it may become a mighty agency for the training of the young in all highest Christian learning, and take a splendid part in the glorious work of building up the Church of Christ in China.

Geo. B. Smyth.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report that they have carefully inquired into the condition of the several schools, and have examined carefully the past action of this Conference, and find but little to add or amend.

We find the present management of the schools highly satisfactory, and beg to present the following as our report for your careful consideration.

Foochow University.

In the Theogical School and its preparatory department, we find that the rules adopted by the Conference last year, and the management under the assistant principal, Dr. Sia Sek Ong, are most excellent, and we earnestly recommend continuing the same.

In recommending young men for admission into the Theological School we would urge upon the Presiding Elders and the Pastors great

care that only those who give good evidence of ability and usefulness be recommended.

We have recently heard with great pleasure and satisfaction that the Missionary Board has appointed a Board of Trustees in America to manage the interests of our Foochow University. At the present time the Anglo-Chinese College has enrolled over one hundred students. Letters are in hand from Christians in Amoy and other distant places, asking that their sons be received here. Our Dormitory acommodations are much too small and we beseech the Trustees to provide a new dormitory, to enable us to furnish rooms and care for the students now wanting admission, for while they are in our dormitory we can have them under good discipline and religious influences.

We find the course of study very extensive and the burden on Mr. Smyth, the president, is very heavy. Although he is assisted by several of the missionaries' wives and one or two of the missionaries who gladly give much time to this work, yet they have so many outside duties it still leaves heavy responsibilities on Mr. and Mrs. Smyth; therefore we beseech the Missionary Society to send an accomplished teacher for this special work.

Inasmuch as earnest pleas are sent in from each of the several districts asking for instruction in "Western Medicine", we deeply feel the need of a physician appointed especially to this College to instruct and train up medical students and establish a hospital, that these students may be prepared and sent forth to do medical missionary work in regions beyond, which shall be to many the very best commendation of our Church.

Day Schools.

The committee beg leave to recommend the following rules for the country day schools:

1. The teacher must keep a daily record of the scholars attendance.

2. No scholar shall be under seven years of age.

3. No school shall be opened with less than twelve scholars. If at any time the number falls below twelve, and the general appearance of the school is not good, then the missionary, with the Presiding

Elder and preacher in charge, after careful inquiry and consultation may continue or close the school as they deem best.

4. In these schools half the time shall be given to Christian, and half to native, books.

5. A record shall be kept of the age of each scholar, and the number of days present each quarter, also of the books and pages read by them, and their standing in each.

6. Every school should have a Christian teacher, but if such cannot be secured, then an outside teacher of good reputation, who is willing to obey the rules, may be employed.

7. The pupils shall be examined once every quarter. The examining committee shall consist of the Missionary in charge, the Presiding Elder and the preacher in charge.

8. The aid given by the Missionary Society shall be paid at the close of every quarter.

9. Every teacher shall take all his scholars to public worship at the church every Sunday.

10. Every school shall be provided with a blank book in which shall be recorded all the quarterly reports.

N. Sites,
Chairman.

THE FOHKIEN M. E. MISSION PRESS AND PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

N. J. Plumb, Superintendent.

The Foochow M. E. Mission Press is so well known to you all that it needs no introduction to this Conference and there is not much of special interest to report at this time.

The work we have had in hand has been vigorously and quickly completed. During the early part of the year we had in press large orders for the North China Tract Society, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, and also an edition of the New Testament for Bishop Burden of Hong-Kong and Dr. Blodget of Peking. As these were all wanted as soon as possible, we brought to bear on them all of our available force and they have all been completed, so that for some time

past we have had comparatively little to do. This however has given us a good opportunity for reprinting some of our Scriptures and standard books and tracts, of which the supply in our Depository had been exhausted, and considerable printing has been done for the M. E. Tract Society as well as for the American Bible Society.

Not the least important part of the work done by the Press has been that of type casting and stereotyping. By the possession of a full font of matrices for our "Three Line Diamond" type, it has been possible for us to make thousands of new type for this font which we use the most, and we are able to convert an old and almost useless font into a new and useful one. The Stereotyping apparatus although small has proven very useful in enabling us to put into permanent form music and other plates.

During the year we have received from the U. S. a font of new music type, which is a valuable addition to the printing facilities of the institution. The entire capital is estimated at over $12000, most of which is in the Plant, consisting of four presses, four fonts of type, one of matrices, and type casting and stereotyping appliances. These are not all we wish them to be or hope they will become, but are perhaps sufficient for present demands.

As soon as our funds will admit, it is our purpose to secure the necessary appliances for binding in foreign style. Many of our best and most valuable books are rendered almost useless in a short time by the lack of firm covers, and we are often pained to see the pitiable condition in which we frequently find the Word of God and Christian books, with torn and ragged covers, crumpled corners and leaves gone. With the necessary apparatus we could doubtless bring the price of good binding within the reach of our people.

Since the establishment of the Press thirty years ago, it has put in circulation many millions of pages of God's Word and Christian books, and has thus done a great work for the church, but it would be possible for us to accomplish much more if we had the necessary funds at our command. New books should be translated and published to meet the constant and increasing demand for Christian and Scientific liter-

ature. These are essential to a fuller understanding and appreciation of God's Holy Word. The more genuine knowledge a man has the more he will want to know of God and his purposes concerning us, and instead of such books pushing the Bible aside they will create a love for it.

The M. E. Tract Society has always hitherto been able to supply us with all necessary funds, but under new and changed conditions it will hardly be able to do so.

While the Press has done well in the past much greater things are doubtless in store for it in the future for it must grow year by year with the growth and development of the Church in China.

To further this good work I beseech the assistance of all the members of this Conference. You can all aid us in some way. Some of you can prepare articles on various subjects, or small books for publication, others can send in news items concerning the work for our church periodicals, and do all you can to extend their circulation among the people. You can also aid by selling Bibles and tracts, and thus help not only the Press, but yourselves and your own countrymen, to a knowledge of the truth.

The following statistics will show something of what has been done during the year and the capabilities of the Press.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.

Scriptures in stock at the beginning of the year,	32863	vols.
,, printed during the year,	10000	,,
,, total,	42863	,,
,, disbursed,	3968	,,
,, remaining in Depository,	38895	,,

METHODIST TRACT SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.

Books in stock at the beginning of the year,	10676	,,
,, printed during the year,	23900	,,
,, total,	34576	,,
,, disbursed ,, ,,	12296	,,
,, remaining in Depository,	22280	,,

PRINTING DONE DURING THE YEAR.

	Volumes,	Leaves,	Pages.
Scriptures,	104600	3767200	7534400
Books,	94185	3594460	7188920
Sheets,		391222	2782244
	198785	7752882	15505564

THE FOHKIEN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

This Monthly has, in accordance with our purpose announced last year, been enlarged four pages, and we have not found it any too large for our needs. We have opened a health department and each number contains something on the subject of sanitation. The paper is growing in favor as shown by the increased number of subscribers. We now send eighty copies monthy to Tai-wan-foo in Formosa, forty to Swatow and forty to Amoy.

Had this paper a strong Society to back it, to furnish elegant cuts and all the editorial help needed for it, as some other papers in China have, it could at once enter upon a much more extended field of usefulness. It is our earnest hope that at least all the missions now carrying on work in this Province, will unite in supporting this paper and thus greatly increase its circulation and usefulness. We want fresh news from all parts of the field and original articles from as many as possible.

We have been requested to open a department for comments upon the International S. S. Lessons, and we hope this will prove a great help to all.

We are greatly indebted to the Rev. Sia Sek Ong D. D., who was our delegate to the General Conference, for his series of articles continued for more than a year, giving an account of his visit to the U. S. and his experiences while there and *en route*. These have contributed much to the interest of the paper, for which he has our most hearty thanks, and we hope he will continue to favor us with more of the same kind.

THE GLAD TIDINGS.

This little paper has continued doing its work in its quiet way.

Soon after last Conference its form was changed to a smaller size and a greater number of pages, and instead of changing the front of each number by a new and quite different cut as formerly, a design was prepared and stereotyped, and being the same each time the people become more familiar with its external appearance. We are greatly lacking in the matter of good illustrations as we are largely dependent upon native drawings and engravings.

You all know that the special object of this paper is to instruct the women and children and those who can read "Colloquial" only.

There is certainly a good field for such a paper among us, and as its circulation is necessarily limited,I hope you will all do your utmost to make it useful wherever possible. It ought to be read in all of our girls and boys schools, and in the families of all who understand the Foochow Dialect. We want to see the paper improve year by year and accomplish much good in the cause of our Master, who in his preaching found greatest favor among the common people "who heard him gladly".

I trust that the above interests may have your prayers, your sympathies and your active aid.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. Plumb.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The commitee desire to express great satisfaction at the large number of copies of the Old and New Testaments which are constantly being issued from the Mission Press, and at the same time express a hope that a larger number of religious books may be prepared and put into circulation.

To this end we would emphasize the recommendations made last year and suggest:

1. That a book depot be established within the bounds of each district so that pastors and people can more conveniently secure such books as shall aid in the spread of the Gospel.

2. That a Pastor's Hand-book and Biblical Introduction be

published to supply a seriously felt want among the ministry.

3. At present many books of great value to our preachers are necessarily purchased elsewere and the committee hope that the Superintendent of the Press will soon be able to print more of these that the education of our preachers may be furthered thereby.

4. We recommend that special messengers be employed to distribute the Advocate and Child's Paper, and thus provide against delay in delivery or loss of papers.

5. The Committee would remind the members of the Conference that the Advocate is its Agent, and that as ministers we should more often contribute articles for publication in it.

We would urge upon the Conference the importance of securing a larger number of subscribers for both the Advocate and the Child's Paper. A copy of each of these should be in every family in the church. It would not be difficult to secure a considerable number of subscribers from among those of the community who are in sympathy with our members, and thus bringing them into a closer connection with the church, lead many of them to accept our doctrines and serve our Savior.

The value of a religious paper in elevating our members, and establishing them in the faith, cannot be overestimated; and in this country, where the general circulation of newspapers is so limited, special efforts should be put forth so that the publications of the church may be largely circulated.

6. The Committee have heard with pleasure that the Tract Society has made a grant which will render possible the publication of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress in the colloquial, as soon as the translation can be made. We trust that some one will soon be able to do this work, so that this book, which has proved so great a help to Christian living in many lands, may be available to a much larger circle of readers than the classical version at present supplies.

7. We understand that steps are being taken to prepare, in union with the A. B. C. F. M. Mission, a more elaborate Sunday School Lesson Leaf than has been published heretofore. We hope this may be

done as pastors and people need more help for the preparation of the weekly lesson. Should this commentary be prepared, as an Annual or in quarterly parts, we bespeak for it a large circulation.

Ting Siu K'ung, W. H. Lacy,
Secretary. Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your commitee appointed to consider this subject beg leave to submit the following report.

In the consideration of this important matter from time to time, the assistance of the pastor should be constantly kept in mind. The reports previously made on this subject have been very good, but we need never fear that the recommendations will become so perfect that they cannot be improved, for in this as in all other good things we must advance step by step and improve all the time.

The observance of the Sabbath is among the most important of all matters pertaining to the interests of the Church. We believe that the recommendations adopted on this subject should be such as are most practical, hence this report has special reference to the methods to be adopted by the preachers to secure Sabbath observance, and we offer the following suggestions:

1. Pastors should make special efforts to teach their members the great importance of the Sabbath, that they may induce them to strive earnestly to keep the day holy.

2. It is of the highest importance that they be taught that Sabbath observance is not simply a form, but that there are real benefits to be derived from it.

To this end the pastor should during the week visit the members at their homes and inquire whether they have remembered anything of the sermon preached on the preceding Sabbath, and find out whether they were benefited spiritually by what they heard, and then follow this with such special instruction in God's Word as they seem to

need. This will tend to make the members thoughtful and help them to give good heed to the sermons they hear.

The pastor should also most carefully adapt his discourses to the abilities of the different classes of his congregation. To those who can take only milk, should be given their portion; and for those who can bear stronger food, solid meat should be provided; and in order that it may be more clearly comprehended and the points remembered, the discourse should be divided into appropriate heads.

The preparation for preaching should be done on Friday and Saturday, and before entering the pulpit, the pastor should enter his closet, and in private wrestle with God most earnestly, that his own heart may be deeply moved and filled with godly fear and a holy zeal for his cause. He will then be as it were on fire with love for souls, and his words will be as live coals wherever they go. We think that if a pastor carefully observes the above suggestions he will be in no danger of having sleepy congregations.

3. Church members should not be allowed to pass their Sunday afternoons idly and without profit. Bible readings and singing would be suitable employment. They might also be instructed in church history, that the examples of devotion and zeal in the early Church may stir them up to lives of like faithfulness. Simple natural history showing God's wisdom and power, or any thing which will increase their knowledge of God and reverence for Him, are valuable. These will at least occupy their minds and keep them from the temptation to work on Sunday afternoons.

4. Pastors should carefully observe the Disciplinary directions about visiting from house to house and praying in families, remembering that if the members do not keep the Sabbath holy, it is most likely on account of their ignorance and lack of reverence for God's commands. If they have the fear of God before their eyes and have strong faith in him, they will not violate his holy law, even though attempts be made to compel them to do so. To induce such reverence the pastor should carefully select such passages of Scriptures as are best suited to this purpose. Many of the Psalms are well calculated to

produce such feelings and thoughts. The books of Kings abound with records of blessings upon the good and punishments visited upon the bad, and these will be wholesome warnings to induce our people to fear God and obey his commands. The Bible throughout contains many such examples which should be used as circumstances may require.

A very few words fitly chosen and well applied will most likely be remembered and leave a permanent impression. As in the physical, so in the spiritual world, if a man has nothing to eat for many days together, he grows pale, emaciated, sick, and miserable, and at length death approaches. So when a pastor fails to give his members spiritual food, how can he expect them to keep well and grow strong? Without nourishment they will pine away and die. If they do not fear God they will not of course fear and respect his holy day.

5. Lastly we would suggest that the Presiding Elders of the Districts examine into this matter, and see what methods the preachers are making use of to secure the proper observance of the Sabbath day, and report to the Conference next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Säëng Hok Lieng, Secretary.

N. J. Plumb, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School Committee beg to report that last year excellent resolutions were adopted by the Conference with a view to enlarging and systematizing our Sunday School work. These have not been very generally observed by our people, and we therefore recommend that the resolutions of last year be readopted and we would add the following:

1. The Preacher should endeavor, as far as possible, to observe the instructions of the last Conference and pay increased attention to the Sunday Schools on his charge. He ought to make it his business personally to invite the children to the school, and he should call his teachers together, at least once a week, for special study of the Sunday

School lesson. We believe thorough preparation for their work will make it more interesting and more profitable to both themselves and their scholars.

2. There ought, if possible, to be one large map of the lands of the Bible in every Sunday School, and it would be a good thing if one of the little maps, published in Shanghai, were placed in the hands of every Sunday School scholar in the Church. They are very cheap, costing only about one cent apiece.

3. A full supply of Lesson Leaves should be found in every Sunday School in our work. In addition we recommend that notes on the lessons be prepared, and printed a month beforehand in the "Fokien Advocate". We hope the Editor will open a department in that paper especially devoted to Sunday School work.

4. The names of the scholars should be recorded in a book regularly kept for the purpose, and every quarter the Presiding Elder should examine the Record and, when possible, meet with the Sunday School himself.

5. Wherever practical the scholars should be divided into classes.

6. We recommend that the Presiding Elders and Pastors urge the members of the churches to subscribe a small sum for S. S. purposes. With this some simple gifts might be purchased for any who have been especially regular in their attendance and have shown special proficiency in their work.

In short, try to make the schools interesting. Make them pleasant to come to, and you will not lack scholars.

Foochow, Dec. 9. 1889. G. B. Smyth,
Chairman.

TEMPERANCE AND TOBACCO.

The Committee beg leave to emphasize the suggestion in the report adopted by the last Conference, that the pastors should lead in all efforts to establish temperance. Every year the Conference should require an expression as to how many of its members are willing to be rid of the poisons, alcohol and tobacco.

Rules may be established to influence others, but their efficiency depends upon the willingness of the preachers to observe them and their determination to enforce them. Let the following resolutions be carefully considered and faithfully observed.

Resolved; Tobacco and wine are poisons which are injurious to our health, and as Christians we should not use them, even under the pressure of hospitality.

Resolved; Hereafter no candidate for admission into the Conference shall be received who uses either wine or tobacco.

Sia Sek Ong,
Chairman.

COURSES OF STUDY.

I. Exhorters.

Matthew's Gospel;—First half, exegesis.

Catechism;—Recitation and explanation of.

Discipline;—Articles of Faith, Recitation and explanation of.

II. Local Preachers.

First Year:

Genesis;—First half, exegesis.

Nast's Catechism with Comments;—First half.

Discipline;—Part I.

Second Year:

Genesis;—Exegesis completed.

Nast's Catechism with comments completed.

Discipline;—Part II. to Section 143.

Third Year:

Exodus;—First half, exegesis.

Matthew's Gospel;—Exegesis and comparison with the other Gospels.

Fourth Year:

Exodus;—Exegesis completed.

Acts;—History and exegesis.

III Traveling Preachers.

Admission on Trial:

Genesis.

The Four Gospels.

Discipline;—Parts I, II.

Catechism.

First Year:

Exodus to I. Chronicles, inclusive.

Acts to Galatians, inclusive.

Church History, Vol I.

Discipline;—Parts III, IV.

Read:—Nevius' Compend of Theology, Vol. I, II; Williamson's Natural Theology, Vol, I.

Second Year:

II. Chronicles to Songs of Solomon, inclusive.

Ephesians to Hebrews, inclusive.

Church History, Vol. II.

Read:—Nevius' Compend of Theology, Vol. III; Williamson's Natural Theology, Vols. II, III.

Third Year:

Isaiah to Daniel, inclusive.

James to Revelations, inclusive.

Geography.

Read:—Manual for Native Evangelists, Nevius'; Evidences of Christianity, Martin's.

Fourth Year:

Hosea to Malachi, inclusive.

Astronomy, Baldwin and Sites'.

Binney's Theological Compend, Lambuth's.

Read:—Wesley's Sermons; Compend of Theology; Natural Theology; Handbook for Native Evangelists; Evidences of Christianity.

For 1891–92

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

N. Sites
~~N. J. Plumb~~, Presiding Elder.

Foochow University—G. B. Smyth, President.
Anglo-Chinese College of Liberal Arts—G. B. Smyth, Dean; W. H. Lacy, Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Sites, Mrs. Lacy, Instructors.
College of Theology—N. Sites, Dean; Sia Sek Ong, Assistant.
Book Concern and Publishing Agency—~~N. J. Plumb~~ W. H. Lacy, Superintendent.
Fuh-kien Christian Advocate—~~N. J. Plumb~~, Editor; Sia Sek Ong, ~~assistant~~ Associate Editor.
Medical Work—J. J. Gregory.
Medical Work, W. F. M. S.—Dr. Mary E. Carleton, Miss Ella Johnson.
Girls Boarding School, Miss Julia Bonafield, Miss Lydia Trimble.
Women's Schools—Miss M. C. Hartford.
Day Schools—Miss E. M. Fisher.
Ching-sing Tong—Chiong Taik Liong and one supply.
Hok-ing Tong—Hü Pó Mi, ~~Ting Tai Liong~~.
Hung-mwi—~~Sie Seng Chang~~. To be supplied
Kwi-hung—~~Wong Hung Ngüng~~.* Ting Ning Chiok ?
Ming-ch'iang—Tiong Ming Tung.
Lek-tu and Ta-kau—Hü Chaik Hang, ~~Wong Ti Ki~~. Li Ki Ch'iong
Ne-tu ~~and Sek-ek-tu—Tiong Ming Tung,~~ ~~Li Ki Ch'iong~~. Wong Ti Ki
Siu-liang Tong—~~Hü Sing Mi~~. To be supplied.
T'ieng Ang Tong—~~Hü Yong Mi~~, ~~Siok Sek Tiong~~.
Absent on leave in the U. S.—J. H. Worley, ~~Miss C. I. Jewell~~.
Sek-ek-tu & Sek-ngo-tu, Tiong Ming Tung

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

~~Hwang Tai Seng~~ Lea Hung Pó.
N. Sites
~~Ting Ka Sing~~, Presiding Elder.
~~T. Donohue~~, Missionary in Charge.

Ngieu-seu—~~Hwang Tai Chiong~~. Sie Sing Chang?, One to be supplied
Sang-le—Ling Mi Ing.
T'ang-t'au—~~Ting Ka Sing~~, ~~Chêng Ung Wong~~. One to be supplied
~~Pah-sai—Ting Ching Ngwong~~.*
~~Pai-ho—Sääng Ngük Ch'ung~~
Tai-ho, Sääng Ngük Ching Ch'iong Hung

HING-HWA DISTRICT.

LI TIONG CHWI, PRESIDING ELDER.
W. H. Brewster
~~N. SITES~~, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Hang-kĕng—Li Sieu Hieng.
Hing-hwa city—Ling Ming Chiong, ~~one to be supplied.~~ Saeng Hok Laeng
Kie-sioh—~~Saëng Hok Lieng.~~ To be supplied
Kie-tieng-li—Ling Ching Chieng.
Kwang-au—~~Ting Ung Su.~~ To be supplied
Lieng-chü-li—Ting Soi Ling.
Nang-nik—Sia Lieng Li.
Ping-hai—~~Wong Ngük Chiong.~~* To be supplied
Pwo-hi~~a~~ ~~Ting Tieng Ling.~~* Säëng Ngük Chiong
Kieng-sang—Ting Nik Sing. one to be supplied.
Sieng-iu—Yong Taik Ch'eu.
Ung-sü—~~Ngu Sui Chëü.~~* To be supplied
Central School—Ting Ching Kwong.

~~Publication~~,

HOK-CH'IANG DISTRICT.

Hü Ding Mi
~~YEK ING KWANG,~~ PRESIDING ELDER.

W. H. LACY, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Hok-ch'iang City—~~Ung Kwong~~ Koi. To be supplied
Hai-kau—~~Ngu Muk Ong.~~ To be supplied
Ha-ü—Ü Sieu E.
Hai-yeu—Ling Ming Sang.
Kĕng-kiang—~~Hwong P'au Seng~~ Ding Ka Ding
Kong-ing—~~Ising Ch'iong Ling.~~* To be supplied
Ngü-ka—~~Ting Neng Chiek.~~ Hwong Taik Chiong, one to be supplied
Ngu-cheng—Sia Heng T'ó.
Siek-kĕng—~~Siek Ch'iong T'ieng.~~ To be supplied.
Sing-tong—Sie Hwo Mi, Ü Sieu Yeu, Ting Hieng Ngieu.
Tĕng-aing—~~Ho Tieu Yeu.~~* To be supplied

Hong Chiak

ING-CH'UNG DISTRICT.

NGOI KI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.
W. H. Brewster
~~N. SITES~~, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Ch'iah-chwi—Ling Saëng Lai.
Ing-ch'ung—Ling Seng Eü, ~~Ting K'ie Hwó~~. One supply
Taik-hwa—~~Chai Hi Seng~~. To be supplied
Tai-ch'eng—Wong Kwok Hing.
Tó-ngwong—~~Ngu Kwok Kwo~~.* To be supplied To be supplied
Tong-t'au—~~Song Kwong Hwe~~, one to be supplied.
U-yong—~~Cheng Chong Ming~~. ~~One to be supplied~~.
Cheng Chong Ming

KU-CH'ENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. FOOCHOW.)

Chong-t'au—~~Chieu Hing Teng~~. Ting Sëu K'ung
Ku-ch'eng City ~~and Seng-lëng~~—~~Ting Sëu K'ung~~. Ting Ung Tieu
Ku-te and Twai-kiang—Kong Sing Chaë, Ting Ching Seng.*
Loi-hung and Yong-tau—T'iang Ngük Chëü, Chüng Ka Eu.*
Liang-nang and Teng-yong—Ling Seu Ing.
Ping-nang, ~~and~~ Tio-a—~~Ting Ung Tieu~~. Ting Taik Liong, one to be supplied.
Seng-yong—Ling Sëü Ch'ung. *
Tong-hwang—Lau Kwang Hüng.
Hwang-te-yong—To be supplied.
Sek-paik-tu—Chüng Taik Ming.*
Tio-siong—to be supplied.
Seng-lëng & Kang Ká, Li Kwong Din None to be supplied.

YONG-PING DISTRICT.

Taing Kieng Ing
~~PANG TING HIE~~, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. WILCOX, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Chiong-hu-pwang ~~and Sek-sek-tu~~—~~Tieng Sëük Pwo~~, Ting Taing Tieu.
Hu-ngwong, ~~and Sa-sek-lek-tu~~—Ting Ung Ch'ieu, ~~Hu Ing Ing~~, Hu Ing Li.
~~Ing-ang city—to be supplied.~~ One supply.
Sa-kaing city—Tang Seng Ling.
Sing-kio ~~and Yong-te~~—~~Li Ngu Hung~~, ~~Hu Ing Ling~~.* To be supplied
Song-ch'iong and Liéng-kang—~~Taing Kieng Ing~~, Ting Sing Sing.*
Yong-ping city—~~Taing Kwang Ing~~. Tiong Dëük Pwo.
Yu-ká city, Lek-tu and Kau-tu—Ting Yok Ngwong, ~~Sick Ki Chiong~~.*
*Local preachers used as supplies. None supply

Lek-te-tu, Ting Taing Tieu.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

WM. H. LACY, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Regular Statistical Tables do not include the following items.

Foreign Missionaries,	7
Assistant Foreign Missionaries,	7
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.,	6

SCHOOLS AT FOOCHOW.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers.*	5
,, ,, Native teachers,	4
,, ,, Students,	104
Theological School, Foreign teachers,*	2
,, ,, Native teachers,	2
,, ,, Students,	25
Boys High School, (Normal Dept.), Scholars	24
,, ,, Native teacher,	1
W. F. M. S. Girls' School, scholars,	57
,, Woman's School, ,,	42
,, Hospital Students,	8
,, Orphans,	3

PROPERTY.

Anglo-Chinese College valuation,	$22000.
Nine Residences, Foochow and Kucheng, including those of the W. F. M. S.,	29500.
Native parsonages,†	1700.
W. F. M. S. Girls' School,	10000.
,, Woman's School,	3000.
,, Hospital,	5000.
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building,	4500.

* Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

† Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

STATISTICAL TABLES, FOOCHOW CONFERENCE. 1889.

W. H. LACY, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Teachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolences.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
..eng-ang Tong.....	4	5	1	17	137	43	200	220	29	16	4	1	239	1	12	1	12	1	2200		164.57	78.00	184.80	205.00	72.18
..ing-sing Tong.....	2			1	29	10	30	50	8	7	5	1	30	1	15	1	18	1	2000		6.50		13.00	2.10	2.50
..ok-ing Tong.....	1	1		2	30	22	20	25	20	3	1	1	25			1	14	1	1500		8.00	4.50	10.50		2.90
..ung-mwi.....	1	3		2	12	3	40	30			3	2	25			2	22			1	1.00	1.00	3.00		
..wi-hung.....		1	1		40	9	30	40			2	1	18	1	14	2	42	2	400	1	2.00		7.00		
..u-liang Tong.....	1	1		1	5	15	30	25	3	1		1	30			1	10	1	400		6.50	17.00	12.00		
..ng-chiang, Lek-tu..	3	2	4	2	29	5	43	50	2	2		1	38	4	66					1	2.00		10.50		1.60
..ng-chiang, Sek-ngo-tu.....	1	1	2	1	27	13	42	65	11	9	2	3	45	2	25	1	14			3	3.20	3.00	8.40	15.00	
Total.....	13	14	9	26	309	120	435	505	73	38	17	11	450	9	132	9	132	8	6500	6	193.77	103.50	249.20	222.10	79.18

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained preachers.	Native Unordained preachers.	Native Teachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolences.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
T'ang-t'au	1	4	1	1	48	66	120	100	30	6	4	7	60	1	16	1	10	2	900	1	5.00	1.95	38.00	150.00	25.10
Ngiu-seu	1	1	1		47	64	150	150	35	9	1	1	76	1	18			1	1000		5.00	3.80	41.80	300.00	31.00
Sang-le		1	1	1	56	71	100	100	25	5		2	61	1	11	1	14	1	200	1	5.00	2.35	28.00		24.06
T'ai-ho	1	2			38	25	60	60	21	2	5	4	23							4	2.70	.40	17.14		13.07
Total	3	8	3	2	189	226	430	410	111	22	10	10	220	3	45	2	24	4	2100	6	17.70	8.50	124.94	450.00	93.17

HING-HWA DISTRICT.

Hing-hwa city	2	1	2	3	69	16	120	100	14	5	7	1	59	2	26			2	200		6.00	9.00	18.00		1.00
Hwok-sik		1	3	1	71	32	150	130	1		6	5	82	3	37			4	200		4.00	1.00	19.00		40.00
Kwang-au	1		2	1	76	40	140	140	14	14	8	1	50	2	34			1	200		4.00	2.30	34.00		12.00
Hang-kĕng	2				30	14	70	60	3	3	3	1	11					1	151		1.00	.20	13.50		
Ping-hai	1		1	1	48	7	90	80	1	2	7	1	16	1	18	1	10	2	140		3.00		13.00		
Pwo-hi					25	4	55	50	3	1	3	1	17					1	20		1.00		9.00		
Nang-nik	1	1			27	13	70	60	2	5	8	1	20					1	180		2.00		14.00		
Siong-tai	1				11	3	70	130	1	1		1	11			1	15	2	30		.50	.16	4.00		
Sieng-yu	1		2	1	75	10	134	120	4	4	2	2	56	2	29	1	25	2	200		5.50	11.40	40.00	46.00	32.00
Kie-tieng	1		1	1	50	13	75	50	3	3		2	26	1	10			3	130		2.50	.31	29.35	12.00	
Lieng-chü	1		1		33	20	94	80	4	8	1	1	60	1	11			2	400		2.00	2.80	20.00		20.90
Sá-hiong	2				59	70	160	140	17	43	8	3	48					3	120		4.00	7.00	23.00		14.00
Total	13	3	12	8	574	242	1228	1140	67	89	63	20	450	12	165	3	40	24	1971		35.50	34.11	227.85	58.00	120.99

HOK-CH'IANG DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained preachers.	Native Unordained preachers.	Native Teachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Day Schools	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local purposes.
ok-ch'iang city...	2	1	1	1	58	11	70	69	10	1	2	3	26	1	13	1	12	1	1800		4.20	5.30	23.50	8.00	10.00
ai-k'au.....		2	1		38	47	96	96	10	2	1	3	24	1	10			2	200	2	4.50	1.50	29.50		22.00
ëng-ing		3			55	26	70	65	4	12	3	3	44					2	600	1	1.50	2.20	23.00		20.00
gü-ká	1	2	1		16	9	50	45	5			1	17	1	15			1	410		1.20	1.50	10.10		7.00
a-ü.....	1	3	1	2	70	64	200	190	40	4		2	41	1	14	2	26	2	450	1	8.00	2.50	44.00	331.61	22.00
ng-tong.....	1	5		2	110	117	180	160	24	23	3	3	75			2	16	4	880	1	5.00	4.00	61.00	130.00	140.00
ai-yeu	1	1	1	1	76	69	240	180	30	5	4	6	138	1	14	1	18	5	1960		4.00	3.15	45.50	200.00	23.66
ng-kiang.....	1	4	1	1	124	95	300	240	30	7	7	2	70	1	14	1	10	7	1000		8.00	9.50	56.00	280.00	16.00
gu-ch'eng.....	1	6	1	1	115	106	280	260	21	17	8	7	120	1	16	1	10	1	300		5.00	2.50	56.00	500.00	24.00
ek-këng.....		2	1	1	90	53	80	130	20	10	10	4	84	1	21	1	13	2	900	1	5.50	3.80	38.00	250.00	20.00
ng-aing.....		2			19	14	50	50	5		4	3	30					2	100		1.70	1.20	14.50		8.00
Total	8	31	8	9	771	611	1616	1476	199	81	42	37	669	8	117	9	105	29	8600	6	48.60	37.15	401.10	1699.61	312.60

ING-CH'UNG DISTRICT.

g-ch'ung city. ...	2			1	23	2			15			1	10			1	4			1	1.80	4.75	12.50	3.00	3.10
aik-hwa.....	2			1	24	9			20	4		1	24							1	5.30	6.75	19.00	4.00	5.50
iak-chwi.....		1	1		10	3			8	1	1	1	12	1	12			1	650		1.70	1.60	11.20	5.50	5.50
i-cheng.....					26	8			20	3		1	10							1	3.00	5.25	17.70	3.00	3.20
-ngwong.....		1	1		15	5			12			1	15	1	8					1	4.35		13.40	2.00	2.70
ng-chiong.....		1	1		19	16			15	8		1	10	1	8					1	2.35	.55	6.90	2.00	2.70
-yong	1	1	1		41	10			30	7	3	1	40	1	12			1	2000		3.00	1.60	17.50	47.00	5.50
Total	5	4	4	2	158	53	123*	*155	120	23	4	7	121	4	40	1	4	2	2650	5	21.50	20.50	98.20	66.50	28.20

KU-CH'ENG DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained preachers.	Native Unordained preachers.	Native Teachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary. Society.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolences.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
Ku-ch'eng city	1			1	13	3	36	33	2		2	1	18			1	20	1	2000		3.00	1.00	6.00		1.50
Soi-hung		2	1	1	44	18	12	25	3	2	10	6	100	1	12	1	16	6	130	1	4.50	.50	14.10	3.00	2.00
Kiang-nang	1	4	2	1	57	7	12	60	11	7		3	25	2	25	1	15	3	230		7.00	2.00	18.00	3.00	
Ku-te	1	2	2	2	35	21	45	110	14	13	4	1	30	2	24	2	55	1	65		5.50	6.60	8.00	16.00	.60
Seng-yong	1	1	1	2	18	12	5	35	15	3		2	50	1	12	1	18	1		1	5.60	.40	7.00		3.90
Toug-hwang and Se-paik-tu	2	2	2	3	48	11	50	75	5	5	3	2	50	3	35	3	45	2	200		4.00	1.50	11.00		2.00
Tio-a	1	2	1	1	45	15	22	90	7	7	3	1	80	1	12	1	20	2	210	1	4.30	1.50	11.00		1.50
Th'ong-t'au	1				19	10	7	32	8	12		1	32							1	3.00	.70	2.50	2.00	.90
Kwai-kiang		1	1	1	7	6	5	20	1			1	15	1	14	1	21			1	1.60	3.50	2.50		3.00
Seng-lëng		1	1		7	3	5	15		1		1	15	1	14					1	2.20		2 40		1.00
Total	8	15	11	12	293	106	199	495	66	50	22	19	415	12	148	11	210	16	2835	6	40.10	17.70	82.50	24.00	15.40

YONG-PING DISTRICT.

Yong ping city	1				17	1	12	13			1	1	15							1	3.10	.50	2.90		
Song-chiong	1	1			18	9	15	17	3	3	1	1	8					1	200	1	4.00	2.50	5.00		1.00
Su-kaing	1				7	2	3	5				1	4								2.00		2.00		
Ngo-sek-tu	1				23	12	20	21	2		1	1	22							2	1.00	1.90	8.50		
Hu-ngwong		1			19	10	15	15	2	2	1	1	8							2	2.50		7.00		3.00
Yu-kă		1			18	4	10	10	1	1		1	8							2	3.00		3.00		1.00
Sek-se-tu		1			7	3	5	5	1	1		1	6					1	250		1.00	3.80	7.20	84.00	
Thiong-hu-pwang	1				47	13	35	35	2	2	1	1	25					1	700		3.50	12.00			
Total	5	4			156	54	115	121	12	9	5	8	96					3	1150	8	20.10	20.70	35.60	84.00	5.00

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained preachers.	Native Unordained preachers.	Native Teachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day Scholars.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Scholars.	No. of Churches and Chapels.	Estim'd value of Churches and Chapels.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolences.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
...chow District.....	13	14	9	26	309	120	435	505	73	38	17	11	450	9	132	9	132	6	6100	6	193.77	103.50	249.20	222.10	179.18
...-tang District.....	3	8	3	2	189	226	430	410	111	22	10	10	220	3	45	2	24	4	2100	6	17.70	8.50	124.94	450.00	93.17
...g-hwa District.....	13	3	12	8	574	242	1228	1140	67	89	63	20	450	12	165	3	40	24	1971		35.50	34.11	227.81	58.00	120.90
...k-ch'iang District..	8	31	8	9	771	611	1616	1476	199	81	42	37	669	8	117	9	105	29	8600	6	48.60	37.15	401.10	1699.61	312.60	
...-ch'ung District...	5	4	4	2	158	53	123	155	120	23	4	7	121	4	40	1	4	2	2650	5	21.50	20.50	98.20	66.50	28.30	
...ch'eng District...	8	15	11	12	293	106	199	495	66	50	22	19	415	12	148	11	210	16	2835	6	40.10	17.70	82.50	24.00	16.40	
...g-ping District....	5	4			156	54	115	121	12	9	5	8	96					3	1150	8	20.10	20.70	35.60	84.00	5.00	
Totals for 1889,	55	79	47	59	2450	1412	4146	4302	648	312	153	112	2421	47	647	35	515	84	25806	37	378.27	242.16	1219.39	2604.21	755.45	
Totals for 1888,	53	49	27	11	2370	1346	2363	3632	634	385	203	100	2122	38	442			101	29486	24	422.16	91.28	1072.07	2302.98	511.45	

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

Foochow Annual Conference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

HELD AT FOOCHOW, MARCH 4TH TO 9TH,

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The figures in the first column indicate the year in which the preachers were received on trial. Those in the last column, the number of years in present appointment.

ELDERS.

1886	Brewster, W. N.	Missionary	Hing-hua District.	1
1878	Ceng Cong Ming	U-iong,	Ing-chung "	2
1873	Ciong Daik Liong	Cing-sing-dong,	Foochow "	3
1877	Daing Gieng Ing.	Presiding Elder,	Iong-bing "	1
1879	Dang Seng Ling	Sä-gaing,	" "	3
1875	Ding Cing Guong	Central School,	Hing-hua "	2
1877	Ding Ga Sing	Gëng-giang,	Hok-chiang "	1
1869	Ding Neng Ciek	Gui-hung,	Foochow "	1
1877	Ding Siu Küng	Chong-tau,	Ku-cheng "	1
1877	Ding Soi Ling	Lieng-cü-li,	Hing-hua "	4
1879	Ding Ung Tieu	Ku-cheng City,	Ku-cheng "	1
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Sek-ngo-du,	Foochow "	3
1878	Diong Sëük Buo	Iong-bing City,	Iong-bing "	1
1879	Hü Caik Hang	Lëk-du,	Foochow "	4
1860	Hü Bö Mi	Hok-ing-dong,	" "	3
1860	Hü Iong Mi	Superannuate,	" "	1
1865	Hü Sing Mi	Siu-liang-dong,	" "	3
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder,	Hok-chiang "	1
1877	Huong Daik Chiong	Ngü-kä,	" "	1
1864	Iek Ing Guang	Tieng-ang-dong,	Foochow "	1
1877	Iong Daik Cheu	Sieng-iu,	Hing-hua "	3
1883	Lacy, Wm. H	Prof. A. C. College,	Foochow "	4
1877	Lau Kuang Hüng	Dong-huang,	Ku-cheng "	3
1878	Li Diong Cui	Presiding Elder,	Hing-hua "	3
1877	Ling Cing Cieng	Gie-dieng-li,	" "	3
1887	Ling Ming Sang	Hai-ieu,	Hok-chiang "	2
1877	Ling Ming Chiong	Hing-hua City,	Hing-hua "	3
1883	Ling Säëng Lai	Chiak-cui,	Ing-chung "	2
1878	Ling Seng Eü	Ing-chung City,	" "	2
1879	Ling Sëü Ing	Liang-nang,	Ku-cheng "	2
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	Presiding Elder,	Ing-chung "	4
1873	Pang Ding Hie	Ciong-hu-buang,	Iong-bing "	1
1870	Plumb, N. J.	In U. S. A.		1

1877	Sia Heng Tö	Presiding Elder,	Hai-tang District.	1
1873	Sia Lieng Li	Nang-nik,	Hing-hua ,,	2
1866	Sia Sek Ong	Biblical Institute,	Foochow ,,	3
1877	Sie Huo Mi	Sing-dong,	Hok-chiang ,,	4
1878	Sie Seng Cang	Ngiu-sëü,	Hai-tang ,,	1
1859	Sites, N	Presiding Elder,	Foochow ,,	1
1882	Smyth, G. B	Pres. A. C. College,	Foochow ,,	7
1881	Song Guong Huo	Dong-tau,	Ing-chung ,,	3
1878	Ü Sieu E	Ha-ü,	Hok-chiang ,,	2
1880	Wilcox, M. C	Presiding Elder,	Ku-cheng ,,	4
1880	Worley, J. H	In U. S. A.		2

DEACONS.

1884	Ding Iok Nguong	Iu-kä City,	Iong-bing ,,	4
1887	Li Ngä Hung	Supernumerary.		1
1883	Uong Ding Hok	Supernumerary.		4
1875	Uong Guok Hing	Dai-cheng,	Ing-chung ,,	3

PROBATIONERS.

1888	Ceng Ung Uong	Dai-ho	Hai-tang ,,	1
1891	Cüng Daik Ming	Sek-baik-du,	Ku-cheng ,,	2
1838	Ding Hieng Ngieu	Ngu-cheng,	Hok-chiang ,,	1
1886	Ding Nik Sing	Gieng-sang,	Hing-hua ,,	2
1891	Ding Sing Seng	Song-chiong,	Iong-bing ,,	2
1888	Ding Dai Liong	Dio-a,	Ku-cheng ,,	1
1888	Ding Daing Dieu	Ciong-hu-buang,	Iong-bing ,,	3
1891	Hu Ing Li	Hu-nguong,	,, ,,	2
1889	Li Gi Chiong	Lëk-du,	Foochow ,,	1
1889	Li Guong Sieu	Seng-lëng,	Ku-cheng ,,	2
1889	Ling Mi Ing	Sang-le,	Hai-tang ,,	2
1888	Saëng Hok Lieng	Hing-hua City,	Hing-hua ,,	1
1888	Saëng Ngük Chung	Buo-hi,	,, ,,	1
1888	Siek Sek Diong	Kia-sioh,	,, ,,	1
1889	Tiang Ngük Cëü	Loi-hung,	Ku-cheng ,,	2
1888	Ü Sieu Ieu	Sing-dong,	Hok-chiang ,,	3
1888	Uong De Gi	Ne-du,	Foochow ,,	1
1891	Ku Chi	North China Mission.		

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D., L L. D.

ENGLISH SECRETARY.
N. J. Plumb.

CHINESE SECRETARY.
Uong Ding Hok.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.
Wm. H. Lacy.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To Amoy Missions:— W. N. Brewster, Ling Ming Ciong.

To Church Missionary Society Mission:— N. Sites, Iek Ing Guang.

To American Board Mission:— G. B. Smyth, Hü Bö Mi.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To Central China Mission:— G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong.

To North China Mission:— W. H. Lacy, Hü Sing Mi.

To West China Mission:— M. C. Wilcox, Ding Ung Tieu.

To Corea Mission:— Sia Heng Tö.

To Japan Conference:— N. Sites, Sia Sek Ong.

To S. L. Baldwin, D. D. :— Hü Bö Mi.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY TRUSTEES.

For Three Years :—Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

For Two Years :—G. B. Smyth, W. H. Lacy, Hü Caik Hang.

For One Year :—Sia Sek Ong, Hü Sing Mi, Iek Ing Guang.

ANNUAL SERMONS.

Conference Sermon:--W. N. Brewster; alternate, Uong Ding Hok.

Missionary Sermon:— G. B. Smyth; alternate, Hü Caik Hang.

COMMITTEES.

To Publish Conference Minutes.

W. H. Lacy, Uong Ding Hok, Hü Sing Mi.

To Prepare Conference Program.

The Missionaries, Sia Sek Ong, and the Pastor of Tieng-ang-dong.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION.

Admission on Trial:— G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang.

First year:— W. H. Lacy, Dang Seng Ling, Sia Hëng Tö.

Second year:— N. Sites, Ciong Daik Lieng, Huong Pau Seng.

Third year:— M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tieu.

Fourth year:— W. N. Brewster, Hü Sing Mi, Ü Sieu E.

Ordination of Local Preachers:— N. Sites, M. C. Wilcox, Iek Ing Guang.

Girls School Teachers:— Hü Bö Mi, Sia Sek Ong, Ciong Daik Liong, Ling Ming Sang.

Foochow Schools:--M. C. Wilcox, N. Sites, Sia Sek Ong, Ciong Daik Liong, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Sing Mi.

CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

First Year: Cüng Daik Ming, Hu Ing Li, Ding Sing Seng.

Second Year: Li Guong Sieu, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang NgükC ëü, Ü Sieu Ieu, Säeng Ngük Chung, Ding Daing Dieu.

Third Year: Ding Nik Sing, Uong De Gi, Saëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Ceng Ung Uong, Siek Sek Diong.

Fourth Year: Uong Guok Hing.

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FIRST DAY.

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Wednesday, March 4th, 1891.

The Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met at 9:00 o'clock in Tieng-ang-dong to hold its fourteenth session. Bishop D. A. Goodsell presided.

The session was preceeded by a half hour prayer meeting conducted by Pang Ding Hie.

After singing the 50th hymn, the Bishop requested Hü Caik Hang to lead the Conference in prayer, and N. Sites to read a portion of Scripture.

The Conference then proceeded to its organization.

N. J. Plumb was elected English secretary and Uong Ding Hok Chinese secretary, with Ding Ung Tieu and Uong De Gi as assistants.

N. Sites was chosen official interpreter, and the roll of the Conference was called by the Chinese secretary of the last Conference. Most of the members responded to their names.

W. H. Lacy was elected Statistical secretary with Hü Sing Mi as assistant.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to prepare a list of Standing Committees. This committee made the following nominations which were unanimously elected by the Conference.

1. On the State of the Church.—The Missionaries and the Presiding Elders.

2. On Education.—G. B. Smyth, Ding Ung Tieu, Ling Ming Chiong, Ü Sieu E, Dang Seng Ling.

3. On Sabbath Schools.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ceng Cong Ming, Sia Heng Tö.

4. On Religious Literature.—W. H. Lacy, Uong Ding Hok, Ling Mi Ing, Diong Sëük Buo, Iong Daik Cheu.

5. On Temperance.—N. Sites, Huong Pau Seng, Ciong Daik Liong, Uong Guok Hing, Ding Daing Dieu.

6. On Sabbath Observance.—W. N. Brewster, Hü Sing Mi, Ding Nik Sing, Ling Seng Eu, Ding Siu Küng.

7. On Self Support.—N. J. Plumb, M. C. Wilcox, W. N. Brewster, Iek Ing Guang, Nguoi Gi Lang, Ding Ga Sing, Pang Ding Hie.

On motion of W. H. Lacy it was decided to hold a daily Prayer meeting from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock, and the Session of the Conference from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock.

The transfer of Rev. W. N. Brewster from the Bengal Conference was announced and he was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Luering of the Germany Conference, from the Mission at Singapore, was also introduced.

The Bishop addressed the Conference in some very interesting and instructive remarks. He then presented a fraternal letter from Dr. S. L. Baldwin which was deferred, to be read to the Conference at a later time.

The Bishop presented drafts of $391. and $384. gold, being the appropriation from the M. E. Book Concern Dividend to this Conference for the years 1890 and 1891, respectively On motion of N. J. Plumb these drafts were ordered, and by vote of the Conference were passed to the Treasurer of the Conference Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society.

On motion of W. H. Lacy the fifth seat from the rostrum was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

The 20th Question was then taken up. The name of N. J.

Plumb was called, his character was passed and he represented the Foochow District. (See Reports.)

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their missionary collections: Ciong Daik Liong, Hü Bö Mi, Sie Seng Cang, Diong Ming Dung, Hü Caik Hang, Hü Sing Mi, Hü Iong Mi; the characters of the following were passed: N. Sites, G. B. Smyth, W. H Lacy, Sia Sek Ong, and J. H. Worley.

The name of Ding Ga Sing, Presiding Elder of the Hai-tang District, was called. His character was passed and he represented his district. (See Reports.)

The name of Huong Daik Chiong, the only effective elder of the district, was called. He reported his missionary collection and his character was passed.

The name of Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder of the Hing-hua District, was called. His character was passed and he gave a very encouraging report of his district. (See Reports.)

The names of the following effective elders were called. They reported their missionary collections and their characters were passed. Ling Ming Ciong, Ling Cing Cieng, Ding Soi Ling, Sia Lieng Li, Iong Daik Cheu, Ding Cing Guong.

The name of Iek Ing Guang was called, his character passed and he gave an interesting report of the Hok-chiang District, (See Reports.)

The names of the following effective elders were called, they reported their missionary collections, and their characters were passed. Ü Sieu E, Ling Ming Sang, Huong Pau Seng, Ding Neng Ciek, Sia Heng Tö, Sie Huo Mi.

The hour for adjournment having arrived the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Hü Bö Mi.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, March 5th, 1891.

The Conference met at the appointed hour. The Bishop took the chair and called on Huong Pau Seng to conduct the Religious Services.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read in both English and Chinese and approved.

The Committee to nominate Standing Committees suggested the desirability of a committee on Conference Relations and presented nominations for the same.

The Bishop made some remarks explanatory of the work of this committee in western conferences.

The following persons as previously nominated were elected as this committee: N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Huong Pau Seng.

Rev. S. L. Gracey D. D., U. S. Consul, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Bishop inquired whether there were any charges delinquent in reporting to the Statistical Secretary. The Secretary reported that all the districts and charges had reported to him.

The Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society presented his report for the year, and the final adoption was deferred, until a translation could be prepared. (See Reports.)

The 20th Question was then resumed and the name of Ngnoi Gi Lang, Presiding Elder of the Ing-chung District, was called. His character was passed and he reported his district. (See Reports).

The names of the following effective elders were called. They reported their Missionary collections and their characters were passed: Ling Seng Lai, Ling Seng Eü, Song Guong Hüo, Ceng Cong Ming.

The name of M. C. Wilcox was called, his character was

passed and he represented the Ku-cheng District. (See Reports.)

The names of the following effective elders were called. They reported their missionary collections and their characters were passed: Ding Siu Küng, Ding Ung Tieu, Lau Guang Hüng. Ling Seu Ing was not present and a letter was read explaining that he was absent on account of sickness and other reasons. His character was passed.

The report of J. J. Gregory, M. D. was presented by M. C. Wilcox. It was read in Chinese and ordered printed in the Minutes. (See Reports.)

The name of Pang Ding Hie was called, his character was passed, and he represented the Iong-bing District. (See Reports.)

The names of the following effective elders were called. They reported their collections and their characters were passed. Diong Sëük Buo, Dang Seng Ling, Daing Gieng Ing. When the name of Daing Guang Ing was called, it was announced that he had been drowned on his way to Conference.

The 18th Question was then called by the Bishop: *Who are the Supernumerary preachers?*

The name of Uong Ding Hok was called and his character was passed. On motion he was requested to appear before the Committee on Conference Relations.

The 30th Question was then taken up: *Who remain on trial?* The names of the preachers on trial were called. The committee reported their examinations and their Presiding Elders reported their work.

The following were continued on trial and advanced to the Second year studies: Li Guong Sieu, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang Ngëük Cëü.

The Treasurer's report of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society was read in Chinese and on motion the report was approved and ordered printed in the Minutes. (See Reports.)

The term of Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Dauk Liong and Huong Pau Seng as trustees having expired, they were reëlected for three years.

N. J. Plumb, being about to leave for the U. S., presented his resignation as a trustee and it was accepted. G. B. Smyth was elected to fill his unexpired term.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. The doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

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Friday, March 6th, 1891.

The Conference met at the regular hour. The Prayer meeting was conducted by Ding Ga Sing, and the Bishop made some remarks on the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read in both Chinese and English, and approved.

The Bishop then brought before the Conference the matter of the Ecumenical Conference to be held in Washington, in October 1891. He expressed some doubts as to whether foreign conferences were to be represented, but suggested that the Conference elect a delegate to represent it, if the privilege be granted.

On motion of M. C. Wilcox it was "*Resolved:* That we request the Ecumenical Conference of 1891 to receive Rev. N. J. Plumb as a representative from the Foochow Conference."

The nominating committee presented the following names as Conference Stewards, and they were so elected: Hü Sing Mi, Ding Ung Tieu, Huong Daik Chiong, Huong Pau Seng, Uong Guok Hing, Iong Daik Cheu.

The 3rd Question:- *Who remain on trial?* was again taken up. The names of Ü Sieu Ieu, Säëng Ngük Chung, and Ding

Daing Dieu were called. They reported their missionary collections and were continued on trial and advanced to the Second years studies. On motion the other seven members of this class were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion the case of Hü Iong Mi, who has been sick a long time, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The 2nd Question: – *Who are admitted on Trial?* was called. The names of Uong Hung Ngüng, Cüng Daik Ming, Chai Hi Seng, Hu Ing Li, Ding Sing Seng, were presented by their presiding elders.

The Bishop instructed the Conference that when these names are brought up, certificates from their quarterly or district conferences must be presented to the Conference. He emphasized the importance of great care in the admission of members. On motion these names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The Bishop then called the 6th Question: – *Who are readmitted?* The names of Ding Ung Cü and Ngu Ing Siong were presented and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The 21st Question: – *Have any died?* was asked, and it was announced that Daing Guang Ing had died.

Dang Seng Ling was appointed to prepare a memorial to be printed in the Conference Minutes. (See Reports.)

The 33rd Question was asked: – *Where shall the next Conference be held?* On motion Tieng-ang-dong was fixed as the place of the next meeting.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time; the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Hü Bö Mi.

FOURTH DAY.

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Saturday, March 7th, 1891.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Goodsell in the chair. Rev. Hü Bö Mi conducted the Religious Services.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read in both English and Chinese and approved.

On motion of W. H. Lacy it was ordered that all Reports be presented in both English and Chinese before adoption by the Conference.

The 3rd Question was again taken up:— *Who remain on trial?* The names of the following preachers were presented by the Committee on Conference Relations: Ding Nik Sing, Uong Dẹ Gi, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Ceng Ung Uong.

As their names were individually called their characters were passed and they were represented by their Presiding Elders. The committee reported their examination, and on motion they were continued on trial and advanced to the Third year studies.

The name of Siek Sek Diong was called but the committee asked for time for further consideration.

The 2d Question was again called and the following persons were recommended for admission on trial: Cäng Daik Ming, Hu Ing Li, Ding Sing Seng. Their Presiding Elders represented them. Having passed their examinations and being duly recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations they were admitted on trial.

The 10th Question was then called:— *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

The name of Hü Nguong Dang was presented. Being

duly recommended by his presiding elder and the committee he was elected to Deacons orders.

The 18th Question was again taken up:—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

The name of Uong Ding Hok was called. The committee on Conference Relations recommended that he be made effective. On motion it was so decided. At his own request he was allowed to remain a Traveling Deacon of the Second Class.

The name of Li Ngä Hung was called. His studies were completed. On motion he was continued in the Second Class of Deacons. Ding Iok Ngnong, studies completed, remains in the Second Class of Deacons.

The 16th Question was called:—*What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*

The name of Gong Sing Cäë, of the Ku-cheng District, was presented and on motion he was elected to Elders orders.

The 12th Question was called:—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

The name of Uong Guok Hing was called and on motion he was advanced to the Second Class of Deacons.

The hour for the reception of Fraternal Delegates having arrived business was discontinued.

Rev. Ll. Lloyd of the C. M. S. Mission was introduced and addressed the Conference; after which Rev Ding Cü Ko, of the same mission was introduced and spoke briefly.

During the hour for the reception of delegates the Bishop asked to be excused to meet an engagement at the U. S. Consulate and requested Dr. Sites to occupy the chair.

Miss Hü King Eng, representing the Woman's Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference in some very touching and interesting remarks, concerning her recent residence and experiences in the United States. She spoke of the great love of God which had raised up such kind friends in America and the good providence which had permitted her to return to her home and family, and again see her father alive. She earnestly request-

ed the prayers of the Conference that she might be able to do even a little to help her own people.

A translation of the letter previously presented by the Bishop from Dr. S. L. Baldwin was read by Hü Bö Mi.

The Rev. Dr. Luering of the Methodist Episcopal Mission of Singapore was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

The hour having expired the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction by N. Sites.

FIFTH DAY.

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Monday, March 9th, 1891.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Goodsell in the Chair. The religious services were conducted by Sia Heng Tö.

The Bishop presented the following certificate of ordination.

I hereby certify that on the 8th day of March 1891, I ordained under the election of the Foochow Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, Hü Nguong Dang a Deacon; and under the same election and assisted by Elders, Gong Sing Caë as an Elder.

Done at Foochow, March 9th, 1891. D. A. Goodsell.

The question as to whether the Conference was entitled to an annual allowance of $30. from the Chartered Fund was brought up. Bishop Goodsell said he knew of no exceptions, excluding foreign conferences from this fund. On motion a draft for this amount was ordered. This by vote was passed to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society.

The Secretary presented a letter from Rev. H. W. Lowrey of our Peking Mission, requesting this Conference to receive on trial

Rev. Ku Chi of that Mission, and on motion he was so received.

The Bishop then brought up the subject of the admission of women as lay delegates to the General Conference.

It was moved and seconded that this Conference concur in the proposition to admit them. The question evoked considerable discussion and the final result of the vote was 23 in favor and 14 against.

The Bishop called for a report of the votes of the members on the various districts. The result showed that the vote had been taken in only a few places, but a considerable majority on most of these circuits favored the proposition to admit women.

The Bishop then brought up the question of an amendment to the Discipline, providing for an equality of representation to lay and ministerial delegates in the General Conference. The result of the vote was 30 in favor and 7 against.

The 3rd Question :– *Who remain on trial?* was again called The Committee on Conference Relations reported in the case of Siek Sek Diong, stating that his case had been carefully investigated, but that the results were not wholly satisfactory. That the brother might suffer no injustice the Committee recommended that he be continued on trial, on condition that he repay at once to Ü Sieu E the $20. he used of his church building money, and $10. to cover the losses sustained by extra boat hire and interest on the money used.

On request of the Conference he was called forward by the Bishop and asked whether he would promise to pay back this $30. as the Committee recommended. In the presence of the Conference he so promised and was continued on trial and advanced to the Third year studies.

The 18th Question was again taken up. The case of Uong Ding Hok was reconsidered, and he was continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

The 19th Question:– *Who are the superannuates?* was called, and the Committee on Conference Relations reported in the case of Hü Iong Mi, recommending that owing to his extremely

poor health he be granted a superannuated relation, and the Conference so decided.

On motion the Bishop was requested to give to Hu Ing Ing proper evidence of ordination as substitute for parchments recently lost. This request was granted by the Bishop.

Li Ngä Hung requested the Conference to grant him a supernumerary relation, and on motion this was granted

On motion the time was extended to complete a few more items of business.

G. B. Smyth was elected Conference Treasurer, and all were requested to pay in their missionary money at once.

On motion it was decided to hold another session of the Conference this evening at seven o'clock.

At this point the Rev. Leslie Stevens, Superintendent of the Central China Mission, came in and was introduced to the Conference.

The various Committees were called, the announcements made and the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Stevens.

Evening Session.

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The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 7:00 o'clock. The religious services were conducted by M. C. Wilcox.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The overture of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, concerning equality of representation and separate houses for lay and clerical delegates in the General Conference, was presented by the Bishop. After some explanations the vote was taken, 35 for and none against.

The report on Support of the Native Ministry was presented by N. J. Plumb and read in Chinese by Ding-Ga Sing. On motion it was unanimously adopted. (See Reports.)

The following resolutions were presented by G. B. Smyth and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Whereas: Our brethren Hü long Mi and Sia Sek Ong have been unable to attend this session of the Conference owing to severe illness.

Resolved: 1st, That we express our profound regret at being deprived of the sight of their familiar and beloved faces at our meetings and of their wise counsel in our debates;

2nd. That we tender them and their families our sincere sympathy in their affliction;

3rd. That we shall earnestly pray that God in his good providence may restore them to full strength again.

The following resolutions were presented by M. C. Wilcox and adopted by a rising vote.

Whereas: The thirtieth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. N. Sites, D.D., has occurred during this session of our Conference, March 6th, therefore,

Resolved: 1st, That we congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Sites on this happy occasion and pray that in the providence of God they may enjoy many returns of that happy event;

Resolved: 2nd, That we congratulate them on completing nearly thirty years of valuable service in this mission and hereby express our earnest prayer that they may be spared to labor yet many years in this field, so dear to their hearts.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented by G. B. Smyth, read in Chinese, and unanimously adopted. (See Reports.)

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented by W. H. Lacy and read in Chinese. On motion it was amended by the request that the old Hymn Book be reprinted and was then adopted. (See Reports.)

The Report on the Anglo-Chinese College was presented by G. B. Smyth. On motion permission was given to present it in English only, the translation having been delayed through sickness. This was promised to the committee in a few days. The Report was unanimously adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The Report on Sabbath Schools was presented by M. C. Wilcox, and read by the Chinese Secretary. This report was unanimously adopted. (See Reports.)

The Report on the Biblical Institute was presented by N. Sites and read in Chinese by the Secretary. It was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The Report on Temperance was read in Chinese and adopted. (See Reports.)

The following resolutions were presented by M. C. Wilcox and adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved: 1st, That we have heard with great sorrow of the drowning of our dear brother, Rev. Daing Guang Ing, on his way to Conference, and it is our earnest prayer that our loving Heavenly Father may sustain and comfort his stricken widow, orphans, and relations.

Resolved: 2nd, That we express our sorrow at the death, and sympathy with the friends, of the theological student who accompanied Daing Guang Ing.

Resolved: 3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the wife and other relations bereft.

The Bishop made a few remarks regarding the importance and significance of these resolutions of sympathy.

G. B. Smyth referred to the great loss occasioned by the death of Mr. Ahok. On motion a committee, consisting of G. B. Smyth, Hü Sing Mi and N. Sites, was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of sympathy and respect, and furnish the same to the Committee for publication in the Minutes. (See Reports.)

The Bishop called for the Memorial on the death of Daing Guang Ing. This being ready but not at hand, the committee was requested to furnish the same for publication in the Minutes. (See Reports.)

W. N. Brewster presented the report on Sabbath Observance. This was read in Chinese by Hü Sing Mi and adopted. (See Reports.)

W. H. Lacy presented a summary of the Statistical report. The same was read in Chinese and the report as a whole adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

In connection with this report the Bishop made some remarks on the importance of all missionary money being paid in to the Conference Treasurer, that the statistics may be verified be-

fore being adopted. This plan was ordered hereafter.

The Report of the Foochow M. E. Mission Press was presented by N. J. Plumb and ordered printed in the Minutes. (See Reports.)

The Conference Stewards reported, recommending that the widows of Dang Ging Dong, and Ling Cing Ding be paid $2. per month as heretofore; that the widow of Daing Guang Ing be paid $3. per month; that the case of Hü Iong Mi be referred to the Trustees of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society; that the third son of Li Iu Mi be aided to the amount of $2. per month on condition that he attend the boys high school. This report was adopted.

The Report of the Fohkien Christian Advocate and the Child's Paper was presented by N. J. Plumb, adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The following resolution, presented by M. C. Wilcox, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this Conference that all local preachers who desire employment as supplies shall hereafter appear before a committee of the Conference, in order that the question of their fitness may be determined before they are appointed.

The Bishop made the following appointments for the next Conference To preach the Missionary sermon: G. B. Smyth; alternate, Hü Caik Hang. To preach the Conference sermon: W. N. Brewster; alternate, Uong Ding Hok.

The following nominations were presented and confirmed by the Conference: Committees on Examination, Fraternal Delegates and Correspondents, Committee on Conference Program, Committee on Publishing Conference Minutes (See Officers.)

The following Resolutions presented by M. C. Wilcox were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Whereas: Rev. N. J. Plumb, who for 20 years has labored faithfully in this mission field, is about to return to the U. S. for a furlough; therefore

Resolved: That we bid him God speed and pray that in the providence of God he may in due time return to engage in the work so dear to us all.

The following Resolutions offered by W. N. Brewster were adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved: 1st,– That we tender to Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D., L L. D. our sincere gratitude for the admirable way in which he has presided over the Conference; for the valuable suggestions he has made in regard to facilitating its business; for the wisdom of his advice and his firmness and justice in the interpretation and administration of the law of the Church; for his instructive and helpful sermon and discourses; and for his uniform kindness and geniality towards us all whenever we have met him in public and in private.

Resolved: 2nd, – That we bespeak for him and Mrs. Goodsell a pleasant and profitable visit to our sister Missions of China, Japan and Korea; and that we will follow them with our earnest prayers and gladly welcome Bishop and Mrs. Goodsell if it shall ever fall to their lot to visit our Conference again.

Resolved: 3rd, – That the Secretaries of the Conference be requested to present Bishop Goodsell with a copy of these Resolutions in both English and Chinese.

The following resolution presented by Ding Ung Tieu was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: – That we request Bishop Goodsell to present to the Board of Bishops the unanimous request of this Conference that its annual sessions be fixed in the fall or early winter as heretofore on account of the great inconveniences of travel both by land and water at this rainy season of the year.

The business of the Conference being finished the minutes of the evening session were read in both English and Chinese and approved.

On motion it was decided that after the usual religious services and the reading of the appointments the Conference stands adjourned.

After singing a hymn the conference was led in prayer by Hü Bö Mi The Bishop briefly addressed the Conference and read the appointments.

The Fourteenth Session of the Foochow Conference closed with the benediction by Bishop Goodsell.

N. J. Plumb,
Secretary.

D. A. Goodsell,
President.

REPORTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

N. J. PLUMB, PRESIDING ELDER.

For another year I have enjoyed the honored privilege of being in charge of this District. My work has been of great variety and I have given my best efforts to each department. In addition to my District work, the Mission Press, the treasurership of the mission, teaching, editorial work, translation and revision have had their claims on my time and strength.

The experiences of the different circuits have been quite varied. In some cases there has been much encouragement and in some instances just the opposite; while in still others the afflicting hand of providence has been laid heavily upon us.

The Tiong-ang-dong charge has had much prosperity. There have been frequent accessions and the interest has been constant. The pastor, Rev Hü Iong Mi, although very feeble and not able to preach much, has been most faithful in all his duties. His noble life and example have been a constant benediction to us all. He has recently been greatly cheered by the return of his daughter from America. He is now very ill and we fear he cannot be with us much longer. The finances have been well sustained and both pastor and assistant pastor have been supported. There has been an increase of 21 members and 45 probationers.

The Cing-sing-dong charge has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity, but has also met with some adversity. Faithful pastoral work has been done and public street preaching has been regularly carried on. There has been an increase in the membership as well as in the contributions. Some months ago a very disastrous fire visited that region and several christians were burned out of house and home. Death also has recently made its visitation and taken away one of the leading members. The return of the pastor and assistant is earnestly desired by the

congregation.

Of East Street (Hok-ing-dong) little need be said except that it is in a state of torpor. Life may still exist but its presence is scarcely perceptible. It seems very strange that in this great city, in the midst of vast multitudes, no pastor has yet been able to get a permanent hold on the hearts of the people. It is confessedly a hard field and it is not easy to tell just how or when these people are to be awakened. Dispensary work has been carried on there during the year by Dr. Carleton, and part of the year by Dr. Gregory, but no spiritual fruits have resulted.

Of the two small and comparatively unimportant circuits of Gui-hung and Hung-mui, but little better report can be given. Deadness seems to have taken possession of these charges. In times past these circuits have produced some good workers. May we not hope and pray that this may again be their happy privilege.

Lĕk-du circuit, in the Ming-chiang civil district, has held its own and the work has not been without encouragement. The matter of chapel building, which has been held in abeyance for some years for want of a suitable building site, has received a new impetus. A lot has been purchased and the work of construction will soon be commenced.

At Ne-du on the Fifteenth Township circuit the little class has shown great enterprise in the erection of a very neat and commodious church. Although only nine adult members, they took the matter up in earnest and subscribed in money, work, and land about $200. This supplemented by a grant-in-aid from the Missionary Society enabled them to erect a church and parsonage quite equal to their needs for years to come. This I had the pleasant privilege of dedicating at the last quarterly meeting.

At Siu-liang-dong the dispensations of providence have been most mysterious. Early in the year Brother Donohue, who was connected with this charge and much interested in the work, was compelled by ill health to leave with his family for the U. S., with no hope of his being able ever to return. This was a serious loss. Not long after Mr. Ahok, who with his family and household made up a large part of the small congregation, was taken ill, and died in August while his wife was absent on a visit

to England. He was the leading spirit and his loss is most deeply felt. These two events coming one so soon after the other have proved most disastrous to the work there.

The statistical tables show the general condition of the work on the District.

The unwelcome necessity is now upon me of asking from you a leave of absence for rest and recuperation in the home land, where I hope to gain renewed strength and vigor for many years of service here in China. Although absent from you in body I shall ever be with you in spirit, and I shall hope and pray that the greatest prosperity may attend your labors, and abundant success crown the work of the Lord in China.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

DING GA SING, PRESIDING ELDER.

N. J. PLUMB, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

It is two years since the Hai-tang District was organized. By the appointment of the Bishop it has been my duty to look after its interests. When I consider its needs I realize I come far short of what the district demands.

There are five circuits on the district including 193 members and 291 probationers. The total subscriptions for various purposes have amounted to $254.70

Although we have so large a membership, yet there are but few who are qualified to take responsibilities as local preachers or church officers. But few of them thoroughly understand the discipline of our church as many of them can neither read nor write. Others are unwilling to obey the rules of our church, I am sorry to say, and will not listen to their pastors who have tried very earnestly to instruct them.

Before closing I would like to speak of the persecution which has occurred on the different circuits. In this respect the people of the Ngieu-sëü circuit have suffered most unmercifully. Some members have been driven out of the village, their houses

have been pulled down and carried off as fire wood. Sometimes several villages have joined together to persecute christians. But I thank God that he has kept us in peace to the end.

However one great enemy has troubled the hearts of the members all over the district and has reduced some to a cold state. You all know this enemy, I need not tell you his name. I request the prayers of the Conference that all members of the Hai-tang district may be rid of this troublesome enemy to their souls.

HING-HUA DISTRICT.

LI DIONG CUI, PRESIDING ELDER.

N. SITES, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Another year I have served as Presiding Elder of this district. This is a work of such great importance that no man of himself could bear the responsibility; but I thank God he has assisted me and all the preachers in our work.

An evidence of this is that the church is steadily growing and men are being converted. But I am sorry to say that the people of this district are engrossed in idolatry and it is with difficulty we can win them to the truth, for their hearts are closed to our appeals.

I cannot express the pleasure we have experienced in having Rev. W. N. Brewster living among us. He came to live at Hing-hua early in the Autumn, and already we can see the condition of things has changed through his work among us.

I wish to say a few words concerning the various circuits.

At Hing-hua city we hold meetings every day with open doors and often go out to neighboring villages to preach. The number of people who come to listen is very great. Some are willing to believe. During the past four months over one hundred persons have given their names as probationers in the church. The chapel is too small and we wish to enlarge it to accomodate the crowds who wish to hear.

The Guang-au members have subscribed over three hundred dollars to build a new church and it is hoped the Missionary

Society will be able to help them build it.

The Hang-gëng membership has increased this year and subscribed considerable towards the support of their preacher. There has been much persecution in the village of Sang-tau.

Kia-sioh circuit has six appointments. Although it has many members but few feel any responsibility or discharge their full duty in relation to the church. The church has not grown any. The new church at Kang-baëk is not yet completed on account of various hinderances.

Bing-hai circuit has three girls schools which show improvement. The membership also has increased.

Sieng-iu is in but little better condition than last year, although the subscriptions have increased somewhat.

Lieng-cü circuit has had an increase of probationers, but I am sorry to say that some of the old members need conversion. I am afraid they will otherwise prove stumbling blocks to the new ones.

Gieng-sang circuit is in a pretty good condition. The membership has increased and they have subscribed more than before for christian work, contributing liberally to the support of a local preacher who gives his time to the Lord's work.

The Ung-sü members have increased in their knowledge of christian doctrines through the diligent efforts of their pastor.

Nang-nik, Buo-hi, Bah-sai, and Gie-dieng are like withered trees which may soon die. Possibly they may revive, I cannot tell. I hope all who read this report will pray earnestly that the quickening life may be applied to them.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

IEK ING GUANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. H. LACY, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Having been appointed again by the Bishop to this district I have done my best in looking after its interests. I have carefully looked into the work of the preachers and know that they have been very diligent in guarding the folds of the Lord's sheep. The strength which the Lord gives us is more manifest when we our-

selves are weary in guarding against the attacks of the devil. We greatly thank God that we have been protected from Satan's ravages and none of our flock has been eaten by that evil one.

The regulations of the boys and girls schools have been revised, the examinations have been held regularly and there has been much improvement.

In Hok-chiang district there are many quarrels between neighboring villages, resulting in fighting, bloodshed and loss of life. These make traveling from one village to another difficult and necessitates building more chapels than would be required otherwise. For the past year the Missionary Society donated $600 for chapels, enabling Gong-ing, Dia-dong and Au-nguoi to build. Committees consisting of faithful christians and their pastor in every case were appointed and these chapels are now finished.

I am sorry to say that the membership and the subscriptions have not largely increased. This is because so many of the "christians" need conversion. I do not mean we have no genuine christians there. Ding Gu Gai, Hö Gai Iu, Gö I Sing and many others have been known as stone pillars in the church. But we are sorry that God has called home so many of these before the younger christians have become established. Many are weak. They fail to keep the Sabbath holy. They do not contribute to the church. If one of a family dies, sometimes the whole family give up their faith. I have urged the people to do more that they may be self-supporting as a church, but they have failed to do all I had hoped.

The Hok-chiang city pastor is very faithful in preaching and diligent in teaching the christians and outside people. Most of the members of this church have come from other circuits, because of persecution which they hoped to escape in the city.

At Hai-kau there are good and faithful members. The church enjoys great harmony and the people are zealous in their work because of the excellent instruction they have received. The preacher through excessive zeal has overworked. He has been sick for several months and is still confined to his bed. The members in the village of Pang-lau have been able to contribute but little to the church. They have been persecuted into paying money for idolatrous purposes and have been at great expense to secure legal

protection. They have had their trees cut down, and have been prevented from working in their fields and have become very poor. We do not know what will be the outcome, as the persecutors pay no heed to the magistrates orders in the christians' behalf.

The pastor of the Gëng-giang circuit has had a wholesome effect on the people, both christians and heathens. They love him and wish to retain him another year. The church at Huo-iong has grown stronger, has subscribed $150. for a chapel and asks $200. from the Missionary Society.

The preacher of the Gong-ing circuit perseveres in earnest efforts to teach the members. This circuit has subscribed more money than any other on the district. This year they have built a parsonage which is now completed. Both pastor and people are very diligent.

The pastor of the A-ü circuit has power in his preaching, and greatly stirs his people. Sabbath mornings he holds the regular services and in the afternoon he gives his members instruction in the sciences that their knowledge may be enlarged. The people frequently meet together in their houses and invite their pastor and myself to meet with them to instruct them. They are very attentive to the preaching and by these means several have been converted. Not only this, but they have prepared great feasts for us. They quite resemble Cornelius who invited Peter to his house. There are forty christian families in that village. The people have subscribed $100. and ask the Missionary Society to help them as they need to raise more for other expenses.

The pastor of Hai-ieu circuit has been faithful under heavy responsibilities. Last autumn he came to Foochow to get the money for the chapel at Dia-dong, and while returning was taken sick through exposure to storms. He nearly left the world during that illness, but I thank God that he did not call him, but still allows him to labor on for the truth. The members at Ang-seng formerly seemed like withered trees but they have been revived.

The membership at Dëng-aing circuit has long remained stationary, but it is now moving forward under the pastor's zeal.

The preachers of the Sing-doug circuit are very zealous in preaching the gospel. This year about twenty adults have been

baptized. They have been liberal also in their contributions for church building. They have subscribed Taels 200 [$275.] and ask the Missionary Society to help them $200. to build a chapel, that the sheep may no longer be without a fold.

The preacher at Siek-gëng is an upright man of great ability in managing the different affairs of the church. Although the number of members has increased they seem to have made but little progress in spiritual life. The members at A-dong-bieng are very zealous for the truth. They also have subscribed Taels 200. and ask the Missionary Society for $200, to enable them to build a chapel. Nearly all the members have been seriously ill with *la grippe* and two died. Their misfortunes have increased, rather than diminished, their faith and zeal.

The preacher of the Ngü-kä circuit is a venerable man. He has been successful in training his members. Two faithful ones have died this year. At Hong-ciah the seed which was sown years ago has sprung up. I thank the Missionaries that they sent two theological students to that place. The people are in religious poverty. They have no church. However the theological students have been very diligent in preaching the Gospel. One member, who with his whole family has been converted recently, hates sin as a mortal enemy. Since conversion he found a large sum of money and restored it to the owner, thus winning a good reputation in the community. He is always trying to save people by removing difficulties in their way. He has accomplished much since his conversion and may be considered as a bright light in our church there.

This is but a brief account of the year's work in Hok-chiang. I have not time further to particularize. The statistics will be found in the Statistical Tables.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

Ngoi Gi Lang, Presiding Elder.

N. Sites, Missionary in charge.

I have been presiding elder of the Ing-chung district for the past three years. It is a very long and hard journey, to visit

all the churches in this district. The language is quite different from that of any other district. I feel my inability for this work, and am sorry to say that in the three years spent here, I have seen but little result of my work.

The members of Ing-chung circuit resemble withered trees which have been checked in their growth. The labor of preachers here seems to be all in vain. However the ten preachers have not ceased to work. They opened a new church at Dai-bang village. Several handed in their names as probationers, and at the last quarterly meeting two of these were received into full membership. It seems that some withered trees have been restored to life. The Missionary Society has given us some money to repair the chapel and obtain furniture for the pastor's use. At present we have a rented chapel, but I hope ere long, if the members increase, that we may build a chapel ourselves.

The members at Daik-hua, since the womans school was removed, have had some severe temptations; but now their faith is stronger. How happy we are to see them growing in grace.

At Chiak-cui two have been added to the church. The members have subscribed some money and have asked the Missionary Society to help them some, so that they may buy a lot for a church and put up a building.

The members of Dai-cheng have done very well. Their faith is very strong. They have planned to build a church for the christians at Cheng-iong, so that they may enjoy service in their own church. They often go out and preach the gospel to the people. Last July they received permission from the Missionary Board to buy the Tiong family house, for a chapel; but they have not yet bought it on account of some disturbances. Notwithstanding these hinderances, their hearts remain true to God and their faith has become stronger.

The number of members and probationers at Tö-nguong has increased this year. They have subscribed over one hundred dollars and have asked the Missionary Society to add some to this amount, so that they may build a church. I hope that we may save more souls this year, and I also hope that the Husbandman may employ more laborers so that we may not be in want of

preachers.

On Dong-tau Circuit the local preachers have given us much assistance this year, and have brought many people into the church to listen to the gospel.

At U-iong two probationers have been added. We have here a boys school and also a woman's school. Both boys and women study very diligently. It seems very strange to me that women study more diligently than boys. Some women who have learned how to preach, often go out and preach to their neighbors. They have greater success than the men and I am reminded that our Lord said: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven which a *woman* took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened." We have great hope of our women. This year, three women have unbound their feet. Another woman is almost persuaded to do so, but she does not yet see clearly that it is a sin to have bound feet. On Sundays the church here is crowded.

The membership on this district is twenty-three more than last year. $19.60 has been subscribed for Missions, $99.87 for pastoral support, and $134.20 for building churches.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

PANG DING HIE, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. WILCOX, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

For the past three years I have been the Elder on Iong-bing District. When first appointed, I felt my inability so keenly that I thought I could not assume the responsibility. But I am glad to say, that with the assistance of my fellow-laborers the district is now in a good condition.

At four places on the Sing-gio circuit the members furnish the house and furniture for a church. By this we know that they are in earnest. On this circuit eight have been baptized and received into the church. Several have been received on probation.

On Hu-nguong circuit two have been received into the church. They are faithful, and give willingly for the support

of the Gospel. The church at Se-sek-lëk-du has been established but a short time. Although the members suffered persecution, yet they stood firm, for their faith is very strong.

Although formerly there were a great many disturbances in Sung-chiong, in regard to the purchase of ground for building churches, now the people are very glad to receive the Gospel and to buy tracts. We can see that this circuit is growing and thriving, although the members at present are few.

On Iong-bing circuit several probationers have been added. Among the members two are very zealous in spreading the Truth.

Chiong-hu-buang circuit has fifty members including six new ones, and about thirty probationers and children. These are divided into four classes. The members of Se-sek-du are becoming more zealous in giving for the support of the Gospel.

In Iu-kä little progress has been made except at Lëk-du where three new members have been added, and all are earnest in their Christian life.

Twenty one have been added to the church on this district during the year. This is an increase of ten over last year. The whole district has subscribed $22. for missions and $45.40 for pastoral support.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder.

Since my last report this district has continued to enjoy a good degree of prosperity. The following notices of the various circuits are for the most part condensed from the pastor's reports to the district conference.

On the Cong-dau circuit are some earnest Christians but others are less zealous. In some of the neighboring villages, however, are many who gladly listen to the preaching of the Word. Hence there is hope for the future. The ill health of the pastor and other causes have retarded the progress of the work.

The Ku-de and Duai-giang circuit has been favored with a revival spirit, and the membership has considerably increased under the faithful labors of Gong Sing Cäe and Ding Cing Seng. The Duai-giang class have subscribed in land, money and work about $150. towards building a chapel. With some help from the Missionary Society it is hoped that a greatly needed place of worship may soon be provided for this growing congregation.

Loi-hung, Iong-dau and other villages still further northwest constitute a very large circuit. The entire circuit has had very little prosperity this year, largely owing to the long continued ill health of the preacher in charge. It is hoped, however, that the good seed sown will soon bear abundant fruit.

The Liang-nang and Deng-iong circuit has done well. The members are firm in the faith and zealous. They have contributed liberally towards the support of their preachers and for church repairing.

Dio-a in the Bing-nang civil district has had another good year. The interest has extended to neighboring villages from one of which comes an urgent request for a preacher.

The Seng-iong circuit has enjoyed greater prosperity in the newly opened work in the neighboring villages than in Seng-iong itself.

Dong-huang has seemed to stand still, though some interest has been manifested at Cie-ding, a village not far distant. It is hoped that this old circuit will soon be revived.

This year at Sek-baik-du has been prosperous. This place is surrounded by numerous other large villages, yet we have only one preacher in all that populous region.

Seng-lëng shows some improvement over last year. About seven miles northeast from Seng-lëng is Gang-kä, which with several other large villages not far apart, is a fine field for evangelistic work. A few Christians and a friendly people invite us to Gang-kä where a house with furniture is freely offered for church and school purposes. Had we the necessary men and means many other circuits could be established within the bounds of this district with the best of results.

Last but by no means least we notice the work in Ku-

cheng city. For years our church in this wicked district capital has had at times a struggle for existence. A few of its members—a little remnant who would neither move away nor die—have held on in faith and now their faith seems on the eve of being rewarded for the old church shows signs of renewed life. This, under God, is due to several causes, prominent among which are the Womans school, opened a year ago by Miss M. C. Hartford, and the street chapel meetings held three times a week in connection with Dr. Gregory's dispensary work. Besides this a large number of men and women daily visit our house at Au-muong-sang. Though attracted by curiosity, their calls afford excellent opportunities for explaining the Gospel message. In this work my personal teacher, an earnest local preacher, renders valuable aid. On account of these and other efforts to reach the masses the attendance at the church has greatly increased.

The boys schools on this district show some improvement over last year and most of the girls schools are maintaining their good name. The Womans school in Kucheng has made a hopeful beginning and is already proving a blessing to the entire district.

At its meeting last January, the district conference adopted resolutions, urgently inviting one or more of the ladies of the W. F. M. S. to reside at Kucheng to superintend their educational and evangelistic work; also that a boys high school be established at Kucheng as soon as possible. I earnestly hope that these desires may speedily be realized.

All connected with the Kucheng district, natives and foreigners, were bitterly disappointed at the failure of the General Committee to grant money for the hospital so greatly needed in this city. There is doubtless no place within the bounds of this province where medical mission work would be more likely to produce good results in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom than in Kucheng, with its population of nearly 60,000 and its scores, if not hundreds, of hamlets and villages within easy distance. We earnestly plead that the funds for establishing this much needed hospital may soon be forthcoming.

THE FOOCHOW UNIVERSITY.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

At the last session of the Conference I presented a very full report of the different schools composing the Foochow University and I shall not trouble you with anything quite so lengthy now. It will be necessary for me to speak only of the Anglo-Chinese College, as the Theological School and High School will be represented by their Principal, Dr Sites.

As I promised last year I have had printed in English a catalogue of the University, giving a full account of its various departments and adorned with beautiful engravings of its various buildings. I hope to prepare this year a similar catalogue in Chinese. The College has had a remarkable year. Last summer after a long and painful illness Tiong Ahok, Esq., the founder of the College, was called to his reward. As you all knew him and knew of his work it is not necessary for me to speak at length concerning him. It is to his large minded plans and generous heart that the College owes its existence. His splendid gift of $10,000. marked a new era in the history of the Christian church in China. Never before in the history of Protestant Missions in this country had such a large gift been made, and in making it he set an example which I trust will be followed by others as the church grows in numbers and wealth. The College is his monument but it is not the only one. He gave liberally to schools in other places and helped many a poor Christian and many a faithful, struggling church. I am sure that I voice the feeling of every member of this Conference when I say that we shall always hold his memory precious and pray that the great and loving Father of all may always lead and richly bless his widow and children, to whom he left the rich inheritance of an honored name and the memory of a life spent unselfishly in doing good.

On the 9th of January of last year the first class graduated from the College, and on the 29th of January of this year a still larger class, consisting of five Christian young men, graduated. These young men remained with us nine years and made for themselves a good reward for faithful industry and good character. Two of them are now teachers in the College, three have applied

for positions in the Customs, and one will devote himself to the work of the Christian ministry.

We began the year with ninety-seven students but owing to sickness and other causes the number was eighty at the close. The conduct of the great majority was in every respect commendable. There was a great deal of sickness in the spring of the year but happily, though forty were ill, not one died.

In April last Mr. Wishard of the Y. M. C. A. visited Foochow and several times addressed the students, several of whom after hearing him, expressed their determination to begin a Christian life. These young enquirers have been greatly helped by a couple of the older students. Systematic Biblical instruction has been given throughout the year by Mr. Lacy and Mr. Ding Heng Mi, and the College young men's Christian Association has held well attended and interesting meetings every Sunday afternoon.

During the year some additions have been made to the scientific apparatus. The great addition was the fine equatorial telescope given by J. M. Cornell and Co. of New York. It is now mounted on the lawn but we hope before long to build a suitable observatory for it.

I am well satisfied with the progress made by many of the students and am confident that, considering that they have to devote half their time to the study of Chinese, they are equal in their knowledge of English to any young men in China, taught under like circumstances.

I must add a word expressing my appreciation of the work done by my colleagues. Some of them have made great sacrifices in the interest of the school; sacrifices such as I could not have asked for, but they were made willingly and freely for the sake of the students. Teaching here requires unremitting attention and steady, uninterrupted work, and I feel it no less a pleasure than a duty to thank them, and especially some of the ladies, for the faithfulness with which they have given themselves to it. Without their aid the work could not have been done. I think however that such necessity should not continue to be laid on them. They could and would, if they had the time, devote themselves to work among the women in the neighboring villages; and it is much to be desired

that the Missionary Society, just as soon as it is able to, should send the College another man, especially a scientific man, and so relieve them.

I regret to say that owing to the opening of two new schools in the city, one by some private individuals and another by a Missionary of the American Board we have not received as large a number of students this year as usual. This College has always given to members of other churches the same privileges as to our own and, under the circumstances, I deeply regret the opening of a new English school by another Mission, and consider the competition arising as both unnecessary and unfortunate.

I would earnestly remind the Conference that it has a part in this work, and a relation to this College. Some of the Christian young men who have gone out from here are now occupying remunerative positions and are able to provide comfortably for their parents, who in many instances made sacrifices to educate them. We want all to be equally successful. We want to do all that is in our power to better the condition of our members. Give us your help then. Send us promising boys who are looking for such an education as we give. I would have you all feel as one of your number felt some years ago when he said in this very place: "The Anglo-Chinese College is our own child and we love it."

THEOLOGICAL AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

N. Sites, Dean.

The last conference placed me in charge of the Theological and High Schools, which I realized was a heavy burden in connection with my country work and many other mission duties.

The church, as well as myslf, is indebtəd to Rev. Sia Sek Ong, D. D., my associate, for his valuable aid, not only in teaching, but in the government of these two schools.

There are thirty-three boys in the High School, an increase of ten. If we had more room the number would be greater. Most of these boys are children of christians, and some of the brightest lads are sons of preachers.

We employ two excellent native teachers, and we confidently expect this school to furnish in the near future, some first-class material for the Theological School, and for our Anglo-Chinese College.

The number of Theological Students is now twenty-five. Eight new students were received on trial, and three died during the year. The older students have taken turns on Sabbath evenings, preaching in Tieng-ang-dong. They also preached regularly in surrounding villages, arousing many to an interest in the Truth, some of whom have been added to the church. Some of these older students also did excellent circuit work during vacation.

New students, as a rule, come ill prepared in secular study or Bible knowledge, and while we try to impart to them habits of study and exegetical investigation, we often find it tedious and difficult. I am happy to say, that while some of the students reveal many weaknesses, a number of them are growing in grace, and give promise of much usefulness.

We find sometimes in our classes a disposition to vain questionings, and speculative theology, but we hold them to the Bible, and "Thus saith the Lord," for theological views.

We feel the gravity of the work of selecting and training a native ministry for Methodism in China, and we feel the need of the abounding grace of God in ourselves, as examples of "workers together with Christ," in redeeming this lost world.

EDUCATION.

The Committee, after careful consideration, desire to express great satisfaction with the general management of the schools. They believe that this subject of education has a most important bearing on the success of the church's work, and are pleased to find that there is so much of which they can sincerely express their hearty approval. They wish here in the most public manner to bear testimony to the faithfulness with which the officers and teachers of the schools at Foochow have done their work. They beg however to make a few suggestions, the adoption of which will in their opinion still further increase their efficiency.

Foochow University.

There ought to be at least one foreign Missionary to devote his whole time to the Theological School. This is not intended in any way to reflect on the present management, but to express, what all must feel, the conviction that a school whose work is the important one of training young men for the ministry demands the whole time of at least one man.

A Candidate for admission to the Preparatory Department of the Theological School should be recommended by his Quarterly Conference. Great care should be exercised by the managers of the school in the choosing from those who have completed this course, fit students to enter the Theological School proper.

A Candidate for admission to the full course, who has not taken the preparatory course, should have been a local preacher for at least one year, and should be recommended by both his Quarterly and District Conferences. The greatest care should be exercised in choosing these candidates.

The Anglo-Chinese College needs another teacher. The wives of some of the missionaries give a great deal of time to this school, and they have to do so, as there are not men enough to do the work. These ladies could and would, if they had the time, do a great deal of work among the women who live in the villages about this place, and they ought to be free to do so. Some of them have visited these women in the past and the welcome they received shows how much they might accomplish for their Chinese sisters, if they were not compelled to spend so much of their time in the College.

High Schools.

High Schools similar to the High School at Foochow should be established at Hing-hua, Ku-cheng, and Hok-chiang; and the sons of preachers ought to be assisted in them as in the Foochow school. Many of these boys are too young to be sent to Foochow, and the opening of such schools at the places mentioned would give all an equal share in the benefits of education.

Day Schools.

Under the rules adopted by the missionaries last year these

schools have improved very much. Their work is much more satisfactory than in previous years. There is one change however which the Committee would suggest. One of the rules says that a scholar must be present three-fourths of the number of school days to count in estimating the teacher's salary. The Committee think this is somewhat hard, and recommend that if in the opinion of the examining committee a failure to be present the required time be caused by good reasons, the teacher's salary be not diminished on account of that failure.

GIRLS SCHOOLS.

Foreign Missionaries now reside at Ku-cheng and Hing-hua; girls schools have been established at both these places, and the Committee hope that a young lady of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be appointed in the near future to each of those schools. Ku-cheng and Hing-hua are the centers of large and populous districts and missionary ladies living in them would be able to increase greatly the efficiency of the present schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ding Siu Küng, Secretary.

Geo. B. Smyth, Chairman.

FOOCHOW M. E. MISSION PRESS.

N. J. PLUMB, SUPERINTENDENT.

This institution has not fallen below the standard of previous years, either as to efficiency or the amount of work done.

A very large edition of sheet and book tracts has been printed for the North China Tract Society, and of the Gospels and Acts for Rev. E. Bryant, Tientsin, of the B. &. F. Bible Society.

We have now well on towards completion an edition of the Foochow Colloquial Bible, which we hope to be able to issue bound in one volume for use in churches and families. This has been carefully revised and its appearance will be hailed with great delight by all the missionaries here. The edition will be the joint

publication of the American and the British and Foreign Bible Societies.

During the year one long desired feature has been added to the work of the Press. A rare opportunity occurred for some of our men to learn the trade of foreign binding and it was promptly improved. Their work is not yet perfect in all respects, but longer practice, and more perfect implements are all that are needed to produce first class work equal to that of the Canton binders.

The following statistics are respectfully submitted.

PRINTING DONE DURING THE YEAR.

	Volumes,	Leaves,	Pages.
Scriptures,	91,500	226,545	453,090.
Books, tracts, etc,	23,224	567,765	1,135,530.
Sheets, tracts, etc,		5,535,520	11,071,040.
	114,724	6,329,830	12,659,660.

BOOKS IN DEPOSITORY.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.

In stock at the beginning of the year,	38895	Volumes.
Printed during the year,	1500	,,
	40,395	,,
Disbursed ,, ,, ,,	5,470	,,
Remaining in Stock,	34,925	,,

METHODIST EPISCOPAL TRACT SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.

In stock at the beginning of the year,	22,280	Volumes.
Printed during the year,	20,500	,,
	42,780	,,
Disbursed ,, ,, ,,	27,455	,,
Remaining in Stock,	15,325	,,

THE FOHKIEN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

This monthly magazine has continued the hold it had on the hearts of the people, and has had an increased circulation. The largest increase has been in the south, in Swatow and Formosa.

Its circulation in China, and especially in this province, could be indefinitely increased if any kind of postal facilities were

instituted, for carrying the mails at a cheap rate. At present the methods are very expensive and very uncertain. Seven hundred copies are issued monthly.

More time and attention could profitably be given to this very necessary anxiliary to our mission work. I would urge you all to give more attention to the preparation of articles, and frequently to send in news items.

The Child's Paper.

This little periodical has continued to meet with its usual favor. Since Mrs. Plumb went to America, more than a year ago, I have done the work of preparing each alternate issue, the other month's issue being prepared by Mrs. Hubbard of the American Board Mission.

The paper is illustrated and is well adapted to the needs of the women and children of the homes as well as the day schools. I hope you will all aid this good work by selling and distributing them among the people.

The number printed every month is but 650. A much greater number should be taken and used by the members,—men, women and children.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The committee take great pleasure in stating that the revision of the Bible is now almost finished. The work of printing is rapidly going on and will probably be completed within a few months. As this revision is to be published on foreign paper in one volume it will be a great convenience to the church, and we urge its rapid circulation.

There are other causes for congratulation. During the year Mrs. Sites has prepared a Life of Wesley in the colloquial, for the publication of which it is hoped that funds will soon be forthcoming. The Bible Handbook translated by Rev. N. J. Plumb, and the colloquial version of Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress, prepared by Rev. Hü Sing Mi, are now in press.

The quarterly lesson notes have proven very acceptable but it would be a great advantage if these could be published as an annual. If this is impossible we would urge that they be issued in time to reach the most distant circuits by the beginning of the quarter.

The committee again express the desire that book depositories be established at convenient centers throughout the Conference. Now that foreign missionaries are resident at Ku-cheng and Hing-hua we would urge that arrangements be made at once that this desire be satisfied at these two points.

We realize there is a great lack of exegetical and devotional books among our preachers, and we would request the Superintendent of the Press to put on sale at the depositories the following books published at other ports. "The Promises of God" and "The Life of Christ" published at Canton. "Street Chapel Pulpit" and "Rock of our Salvation," by H. C. Du Bose, D D., "Life of Christ" by A. Williamson, D. D., "Resolution of Doubts" by Native Preachers and "The Preacher's Manual"; published at Shanghai.

We urge upon the preachers that a greater interest be taken in the Fohkien Christian Advocate; that they freely contribute items of news from all parts of the Conference; not only this but we hope more will contribute according to their ability for its literary columns. Short articles giving encouraging religious experiences will be helpful in inspiring discouraged members and preachers in other parts of the work.

Ding Sëūk Buô, Secretary. W. H. Lacy, Chairman.

Amendment: (see Journal, page 17.)

Resolved: That we request the Superintendent of the Press to republish the old Hymn Book.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to submit the following report.

The reason our Christians do not better keep the Sabbath is because they do not have faith that God will provide for their wants if they rest one day in seven. Especially some of the poor members say that they can not keep the whole day, for they must provide for their families. We exhort all our preachers to teach their people to be industrious for the six days, and then when Sunday comes they will be glad to keep the day holy.

They should also teach them that all things are made for men, and that the Sabbath is made to benefit every one. Not only is it good for the souls but also for the bodies of men. Even horses that are made to work daily with no rest soon wear out and die. Let our people be taught that God's laws are all in harmony, and that the command to rest one day in seven is from the same God who made men, and they will do more and better work if they work in their Creator's way.

We further recommend that our preachers hold not only the Sunday morning meetings for the members, but that they arrange for meetings in the open air, and in the neighboring villages for the afternoon, giving the people something to do. Let them go in groups, those who can to preach and testify, the others to sing and encourage the leaders.

Formerly the mission published books for putting down the member's names, and the roll was called so that the preachers could know who were attending the church services. Your committee recommend that these books be again published and distributed this year.

Finally we recommend that our preachers be invited to write articles upon this subject to be published in the Advocate, and also that these letters be published in pamphlet form and distributed among our church members, in order that they may better understand and keep the Sabbath.

W. N. Brewster,
Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg to re-iterate the excellent recommendations of last year's report. We also recommend:

1. That the entire Bible be printed in the colloquial, in an inexpensive form for the use of teachers and pupils.

2. That the Romanized colloquial be taught as extensively as possible, thus making it practicable for those who are uneducated to prepare the Sunday Schools lessons.

3. That the pastors be requested to read this report before their congregations and Sunday Schools, also that it be printed in sheet form for general circulation.

M. C. Wilcox,
Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg to suggest that the report on this subject adopted at the last session of this Conference has not been vigorously put into practice.

We therefore earnestly exhort all the preachers, in their various fields, to institute the best possible measures to render efficient the rules then adopted. These were as follows:

"*Resolved:* 1st,– That tobacco and wines are poisonous and injurious to our health and as Christians we should not use them even under the pressure of hospitality."

"*Resolved:* 2nd,– That hereafter no candidate for admission into the Conference shall be received who uses wine or tobacco."

We now recommend the following, to render the above more effective: namely,

Resolved: That when persons newly received on trial shall again return to the use of tobacco or wine, this Conference shall deal with them under the law of violating their (solemn) contract, and thus forever block the way against the injuries caused by tobacco and wine.

Huong Pau Seng,
Chairman.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Your Committee appointed to consider the subject of Self-Support beg leave to submit the following Report.

The subject of Self-Support is one in which we are deeply interested and which we hope will prove a success. In order to make a good thing successful, good methods must be adopted.

First. We believe that the success of support of the pastors by the churches depends largely upon the character and efficiency of the men themselves, hence it is very important that inefficent men should not be employed in the ministry. Their cases should be carefully examined into by the Conference and their location secured.

Second. The Missionary and the Presiding Elder of the District should be in hearty accord in planning financial matters.

Third. After careful consideration we conclude that some degree of Self-Support has already been attained. Several pastors and two presiding elders are now supported by their people, and we hope and pray that many others may follow their good example. From these evidences before us we believe that this good work will go on.

Fourth. We recommend that the minimum salary for preachers be four dollars a month for a man, two dollars for his wife and one dollar for each child.

Fifth. We believe that whether the preachers are partly or wholly supported by the native church, this scale would tend to prevent preachers from engaging in the practice of medicine and other business for the purpose of eking out their salaries.

Sixth. In case it is not possible for the preachers on the circuits to be supported on the above scale, we think that at least the Presiding Elders should receive this amount.

Seventh. Whenever a congregation is able to support their pastor the Missionary and the Presiding Elder should take the matter in hand and urge that it be done.

Eighth. In such cases the congregation should be allowed to seek a pastor suited to their needs and request his appointment by the Bishop.

Ninth. Whenever Self-Support has been assumed it would be well for the Missionary and Presiding Elder to look after it somewhat, and urge the people to diligence in contributing to the church funds, that they may not become weary in well doing.

N. J. Plumb,
Chairman.

MEDICAL WORK.

It is now two years since I was appointed to the medical work of this mission. But thus far the position has been little more than a nominal one. We were at first appointed for work in Foochow; a few weeks later and while still in America our appointment was changed to Pekin; then again reappointed to Foochow; and finally removed to Ku-cheng.

It is little wonder then, that, with the activity necessary to catch my fleeting place of work, I have little to report today of a purely medical nature.

We have been obliged to begin building at the foundation and under the most adverse circumstances, and I am forced to admit that we haven't a very imposing structure. Still I flatter myself that we have become quite familiar with the needs of our work during this time.

The "adverse circumstances" I speak of are these. That as this, our oldest mission in China, has reached its present flourishing condition without the coöperation of medical work, it is now a very difficult matter to get the necessary appropriation to begin this important branch. And it is especially difficult with the popular idea that the medical missionary was created just to go before into the remote corners of the earth and pave the way for the coming of the evangelist and teacher. This idea which so widely prevails is liable to overshadow the greater and *real* work of the physician in these countries, which is I take it the part of educator and evangelist. While there is not much for the physician

to do in overcoming prejudices to Christianity in this mission, for I believe it to be tolerated by nearly, if not quite all the stations here, still there is a rich field for him in his true work. With this in view, we have twice asked that money be granted to engage in this work but the answer in both cases was that money can not now be spared.

To give students of medicine in China a scientific education will not be possible for many years on account of the intolerance of the people toward the fundamental parts of such an education. The best we can do then, in this matter will be to give each student *practical* instruction – which alone shall fit him for an eminently better practice than that in vogue here – and leave such as want it an opportunity to complete his education in the very good medical school near home, but on *English territory* at Hong Kong: or if advisable in the schools of America or England. But to provide this "practical" course involves the expenditure of no mean sum of money for hospital and equipments and it seems an economical plan to locate this work in a city like Ku-cheng where land and building are cheap. If we had at hand a sufficient sum, not less than $7000. in this currency, there is little doubt but that this work could be made, in Ku-cheng, a mighty power for redeeming a large part of this wonderful Empire, for Christ.

From what I have said it follows that a physician in this mission without the inclination or means to exercise his greatest energy on these lines, would be out of place and a mere waste of precious money and time for him to remain.

The Years Work.

I opened dispensary work at our East street chapel in Foochow city, Oct. 1889. and held clinics there for about five months. Our efforts were appreciated by nearly all our patients and I was greatly encouraged by the officials and literati who came for treatment.

I had the satisfaction of seeing a substantial clinic established here, and the large audiences listened respectfully to the preaching, some manifesting interest.

We moved to Ku-cheng in Oct. 1890. But I was kept busy superintending the building of another foreign residence here and was again delayed in opening the dispensary by the uncertain state of affairs. We finally began this work at our chapel here on Dec. 1st. Here we have had more than we could do from the first. Again our poverty would only justify our engaging one assistant, Iek King Hok, who by his aptness to learn and exceptional diligence has rendered invaluable aid. Our audiences here have filled the chapel and overflowed to the street, each day. The crowds at first inclined to boisterousness but we gradually brought them into a listening attitude and there is considerable interest shown in the gospel. The evangelical part of our work has generally been efficiently performed by a foreign missionary or native pastors.

As we have already intimated our work has always been embarrassed by a scarcity of funds compelling us more than once to leave off work entirely and to hold clinics at longer intervals than advisable. And here, I desire to take advantage of the opportunity to publicly thank the friends of our work, who so handsomely came to our aid with their donations, thus enabling us to keep the "ship afloat."

Visits of patients to dispensary and home, Foochow, 3389.
„ „ „ (Daily ave. of 82) dispensary Kucheng, 1970.
„ made by myself to patients in their homes, Foochow, 530.
„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „ „ Kucheng, 36.
Surgical operations performed, Foochow, 87.
„ „ „ Kucheng, 41.

Donations, Fees, etc.

J. H. Love, Esq.	$50.00
Miss Hartford,	37.50
„ Fisher,	25.00
„ Bonafield,	20.00
Rev. Donohue,	5.00
Disp. and visiting Fees, etc.	24.50
	$162.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Kucheng, Feb. 1891. J. J. Gregory.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY,

in act. with

WM. H. LACY, TREASURER.

Dr.

	Mexicans.
To Insurance Claims paid Sia Sek Ong and others,	$40.84
To „ „ „ Hü Sing Mi,	10.50
To „ „ „ Gong Sing Cäë,	14.50
To „ „ „ Ceng Cong Ming,	14.50
To Conference Fund claim paid Mrs Dang Ging Dong,	30.00
To „ „ „ „ Mrs Ling Cing Ding,	30.00
To Sundry Loans made since 1889 Conference,	2860.00
To Native Cemetery purchase,	170.00
To Treasurer's Account Book,	1.00
	$3171.34

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By Balance on hand last Conference,	1.14
By Book Concern dividend 1889,	512.94
By Sundry loans returned since 1889 Conference,	2485.00
By Interest on „ „ „ „ „	138.80
By Balance due treasurer,	33.46
	$3171.34

Loans outstanding at present $1560.

March 3, 1891. W. H. Lacy,

Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

Hü Sing Mi,

Secretary.

In Memoriam.

TIONG AHOK.

One familiar form has been missed from our meetings all through this Conference. We have at times turned unconsciously to the well known seat but the brother who always sat there is gone for ever from among us. He has gone to a larger assembly than ours. But though absent in the body we would yet believe that his spirit is sometimes with us, that even in the unseen land he has not forgotten the old scene of his work, the meetings which were so dear to him, or the men with whom it was his joy to labor. Tiong Ahok, the zealous worker in the Master's vineyard, the generous giver to so many worthy causes, the friendly keeper of so many struggling souls is gone, never more to be seen by us till we see him in the presence of the Lord.

You all know the manner of his death, with what peace after a painful illness of three months he passed away. Dying, his faith in the living Christ supported him. He died on the 11th of August last, but it is sometimes hard to believe that he is gone. We look for him in his accustomed places, we expect to hear his voice, and there is a sense of surprise in not finding him. But, though gone, his power is not gone; that mighty energy of his has left its mark on our history.

It is scarcely necessary to tell the members of this Conference who Tiong Ahok was, or to recount for them the story of his life for they all knew him. There are many however who did not know him personally though they had heard his name, and to those we would tell something of him. But more especially would we make some record of his life and put down for permanent keeping our estimate of his work that his family may know in how high esteem we held him, how highly we appreciate his character and worth.

He was born in Amoy fifty-seven years ago. While still young he had the good fortune to be employed in the home of an excellent Christian lady. To her teaching and the quiet influence of her life may be traced his interest in Christian work, an interest which he felt and expressed long before he connected himself with any Christian Church. After some years he came to Foochow where in partnership with a Chinaman from Singapore he began business in a small way. By diligence and enterprise they succeeded in building up a large business and the name of the firm became widely known.

About eleven years ago his old interest in Christian work and confidence in Christian missionaries, growing steadily as he learned more of them, found notable expression in his splendid gift of $10,000. to the Methodist Mission for the founding of the Anglo-Chinese College. Soon after thus publicly identifying himself, in spite of much opposition, with the work of Christian Missionaries he took the final step and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He entered with his accustomed earnestness into the duties of his new life, and never hesitated, whenever it was proper to declare himself a Christian. Courage was one of his most striking characteristics and it found noble expression on many a trying occasion.

From his wealth and position as well as because of his zeal he acquired a conspicuous place in the church, and was soon recognized as the leading man in her communion. Naturally aggressive and ambitious he could not help offending some, but all felt that in spite of occasional rashness, in spite of an occasional lack of appreciation of the feelings of others, he always wanted to do right.

It is not necessary to say to those who knew him that as a Christian his old habit of giving was not forgotten, rather it became more confirmed than ever, and he sometimes gave when his best friends thought it would have been wiser to withhold. It is not possible here to enumerate all the objects of his beneficence. Suffice it to say that to schools, to churches, to individuals, he gave when he could, and gave generously. Nor were his gifts confined to Foochow. In Hong-Kong, in Shanghai, in Corea he

found schools and churches needing help and he gave it. The limit of his means may truly be said to have been the only limit to his giving.

There is one institution at Foochow besides the Anglo-Chinese College which ought to be especially mentioned – the Foochow Native Hospital. This noble charity is largely the result of his influence and his gifts. Half of the land, a gift worth $3000. he gave outright, and he labored with unflagging zeal and great success among his wealthy countrymen to interest them in its work. To-day as it stands, a place of relief and healing to the thousands who seek its help, it may truly be called the Ahok Hospital, for to him more than to any other man it owes its existence.

How many men have two such monuments where they live l as he has? Into the future the Anglo-Chinese College and this noble hospital will carry his name, multitudes yet unborn will bless it, the church of China will hold it among its most precious treasures.

Tiong Ahok has gone from among us, but his work and the power of it are with us still. Let us thank God that thus early in the Church's history such a man has been among us, and let us hope that others may soon arise who with wealth and position will consecrate them to the noblest purposes, and feel themselves as he did stewards of the possessions given them of God.

Geo. B. Smyth,
Nathan Sites,
Hü Sing Mi. } Committee.

DAING GUANG ING.

Daing Guang Ing was a native of Ing-ang City of Iong-Bing Prefecture.

In the eighth year of Dong De [A. D. 1868] he was converted and received into the church. Shortly afterwards he was made a local preacher, entered Conference and in due course was ordained elder.

He served in different appointments in this difficult prefecture for about twenty years. He was a very zealous preacher of the Gospel.

On the twentieth of this moon [Feb. 28th,] he started to Foochow to attend the session of the Conference. Unfortunately he was drowned by the wrecking of the boat while passing the rapids a short distance above Cui-kau.

All who hear this report will receive it with sorrow. I write these few lines as a slight indication of the sorrow that fills my heart.

Dang Seng Ling,

Committee.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Foochow, China, March 4th to 9th, 1891, Bishop D. A. Goodsell presiding, N. J. Plumb, Secretary.

QUEST. 1. *Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?* W. N. Brewster from the Bengal Conference.

QUEST. 2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?* Ku Chi (North China Mission), Cüng Daik Ming, Hu Ing Li, Ding Sing Seng.

QUEST. 3. *Who Remain on Trial?* Ding Nik Sing, Uong De Gi, Saëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Ceng Ung Uong, Siek Sek Diong, Li Guong Sieu, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang Ngük Cëü, Ü Sieu Ieu, Säëng Ngük Chung, Ding Daing Dieu.

QUEST. 4. *Who are Discontinued?* None.

QUEST. 5. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?* None.

QUEST. 6. *Who are Re-admitted?* None.

QUEST. 7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?* None.

QUEST. 8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?* Hü Nguong Dang.

QUEST. 11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* Hü Nguong Dang.

QUEST. 12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?* None.

QUEST. 13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?* Uong Guok Hing, Ding Iok Nguong, Uong Ding Hok, Li Ngä Hung.

QUEST. 14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?* None.

QUEST. 15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?* None.

QUEST. 16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?* Gong Sing Cäë.

QUEST. 17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?* Gong Sing Cäë.

QUEST. 18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* Uong Ding Hok, Li Ngä Hung.

QUEST. 19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* Hü Iong Mi.

QUEST. 20. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* This was strictly done as the names of the preachers were called in open Conference.

QUEST. 21. *Have any Died?* Daing Guang Ing.

QUEST. 22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?* T. K. Donohue, to the South Dakota Conference.

QUEST. 23. *Have any Withdrawn?* None.

QUEST. 24. *Have any been Located at their own request?* None.

QUEST. 25. *Have any been Located?* None.

QUEST. 26. *Have any been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* None.

QUEST. 27. *Have any been Expelled?* None.

QUEST. 28. *Who are selected to be Triers of Appeals?* None.

QUEST. 29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?* See Statistics.

QUEST. 30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* $180.

QUEST. 31. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?* $805. gold; passed over to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society.

QUEST. 32. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See Appointments.

QUEST. 33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?* Tieng-ang-dong, Foochow.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

N. Sites, Presiding Elder.

Foochow: Cing-sing-dong—Ciong Daik Liong,† Uong Sëü Chiong.*
Hok-ing-dong — Hü Bö Mi.†
Siu-liang-dong — Hü Sing Mi.†
Tieng-ang-dong — Iek Ing Guang.†

Gui-hung — Ding Neng Ciek.†

Hung-mui — To be supplied.

Ming-chiang: Lëk-du and Da-kau — Hü Caik Hang,† Li Gi Chiong.
Ne-du — Uong De Gi.
Sek-ek-du and Sek-ngo-du — Diong Ming Dung.†

G. B. Smyth,† President of Foochow University, Principal of Anglo-Chinese College, Editor of Foh-kien Christian Advocate. Member of Tieng-ang-dong Quar. conf.

W. H. Lacy,† Superintendent Mission Press, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College. Member of Cing-sing-dong Quar. conf.

Nathan Sites,† Dean of School of Theology.

Sia Sek Ong,† Professor in School of Theology, Associate Editor of Foh-kien Christian Advocate, Tieng-ang-dong Quar. conf.

Hü Sing Mi,† Assistant in Mission Press.

J. H. Worley,† N. J. Plumb,† Absent in United States.

Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, Instructors in Anglo-Chinese College.

W. F. M. S. WORK:

Girls Boarding School — Misses C. I. Jewell, Julia Bonafield.

Womans Schools — Miss M. C. Hartford.

Medical Work — Dr. M. E. Carleton, Miss Ella Johnson, Dr. E. M. Lyon.

Day schools and Evangelistic Work—
Hing-hua and Ing-chung Districts, Mrs. E. F. Brewster.
Other districts, Miss L. A. Trimble.

Music in Girls School and Womans School and Special study of Chinese —Miss R. M. Sites.

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* Local preacher supply. † Traveling Elders.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

SIA HENG TÖ, PRESIDING ELDER.

N. SITES, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Dai-ho — Ceng Ung Uong.
Ngieu-Sëü — Sie Sing Cang,† Ding Ching Nguong.*
Sang-le — Ling Mi Ing.
Tang-tau — Sia Heng Tö,† Uong Hung Ngüng.*

HING-HUA DISTRICT.

LI DIONG CUI, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Bing-hai — Uong Ngük Ciong.*
Buo-hi — Saëng Ngük Chung.
Gie-dieng-li — Ling Cing Cieng.†
Gieng-sang — Ding Nik Sing, Ngu Ga Ing.*
Guang-au — Ding Ung Cü.*
Hang-gëng — Li Sieu Hieng.*
Hing-hua–Ling Ming Ciong, Säeng Hok Lieng, Dang Tieng Lieng.*
Kia-sioh - – Siek Sek Diong, Ling Hiong Chung.*
Lieng-cü-li — Ding Soi Ling.†
Nang-nik — Sia Lieng Li.†
Sieng-iu -- Iong Daik Cheu.†
Ung-sü — Ngu Siu Ceü.*
Ding Ching Guong,† Teacher Hing-hua Central School.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. H. LACY, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Deng-aing — Siek Chiong Tieng.*
Gëng-Giang — Ding Ga Sing.†
Gong-ing - — Ling Chiong Ling.*
Hai-ieu — Ling Ming Sang.†
Hai-kau — Ngu Muk Ong.*
Ha-ü — Ü Sieu E.†
Hok-chiang City — Ung Guong Goi.*
Ngu-cheng — Ding Hieng Ngieu.
Ngü-kä and Hong-ciah—Huong Daik Chiong,† Hü Nguong Dang.*
Siek-gëng -- Hö Dieu Iu.*
Sing-dong — Sie Huo Mi, Ü Sieu Ieu.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Chiah-cui — Ling Seng Lai.†
Daik-hua — Cai Hi Seng.*
Hu-iong — Ceng Cong Ming, Ding Kie Hui.*
Ing-chung — Ling Sing Eü
Tai-cheng — Uong Guok Hing.
Tong-tau — Song Guong Huo,† Gö Ung Chai.*
Tö-nguong — Ngu Guok Kuo.*

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. WILCOX, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Ciong-hu-buang and Sek-se-du — Bang Ding Hie,† Ding Daing Dieu.
Hu-nguong — Hu Ing Li.
Iong-bing — Diong Seük Buo.†
Iong-de and Se-sek-lĕk-du — Hu Ing Chiu.*
Iu-ka City, Lek-du and Gau-du — Ding Iok Nguong.
Sä-gaing — Dang Seng Ling.†
Sing-gio — Hu Ing Ing.*
Song-chiong and Lieng-kang — Daing Gieng Ing,† Ding Sing Seng.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER.

Cong-tau and A-de — Ding Siu Küng.†
Dio-a and Hung-ieng — Ding Dai Liong, and one to be supplied.
Dong-huang — Lau Guang Hüng.†
Gu-de and Duai-giang — Gong Sing Cae.* Ding Cing Seng.*
Ku-cheng — Ding Ung Tieu.†
Liang-nang and Deng-iong — Ling Seu Ing,† Ding Deng Ngük.*
Loi-hung and Iong-tau — Tiang Ngük Ceü, Cung Ga Eu.*
Sek-baik-du — Cüng Daik Ming.
Seng-iong and Hok-dong — Ling Seü Chung,*Ü Dek Hu.*
Seng-leng and Gang-kä — Li Guong Siu, Ding Bö Cing.*

J. J. Gregory, M. D., Medical Work at Ku-cheng.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

WM. H. LACY, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Regular Statistical Tables do not include the following items.

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BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers,*	4
" " Native teachers,	4
" " Students,	97
Theological School, Foreign teachers,*	2
" " Native teachers,	2
" " Students,	25
Boys High School (Normal Dept.), Scholars,	33
" " Native teachers,	2
W. F. M. S. Girls School, Native teachers,	4
" " " scholars,	70
" Six Womans Schools: scholars,	127
" Hospital Students,	9

PROPERTY

Anglo-Chinese College, Dormitory and apparatus.	$22000.
Eleven Residences at Foochow, Hing-hua and Kucheng, including those of the W. F. M. S.,	33700.
Two Native parsonages,†	1700.
W. F. M. S. Girls School,	10000.
" Womans School,	3000.
" Two Hospitals,	7000.
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building,	5000.
Mission Press Type, Presses, etc.	8000.

*Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

†Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

STATISTICAL TABLES, FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

W. H. Lacy, Statistical Secretary.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of baptized children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Boys Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and parsonages.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
Cing-sing-dong.....	2		1	38	13	17	60	60	12	10	6	1	60			1	12	1	$2600		$ 6.50		$ 15.00	$	$2500
Hok-ing-dong.....	1	1	3	30	22	13	23	25				1	21			2	46	1	1900		8.90	2.00	10.50		.20
Siu-liang-dong.....	1			7	9	7	30	25	3	1	3	1	7					1	400		6.50		12.00		
Tieng-ang-dong....	4	5	9	158	89	29	200	260	31	10	6	1	220	1	12	1	12	1	2100		144.10		180.00	79.00	122.00
Hung-mui..... ..	1	3		15	3	23	40	30		3	6	2	30					1	30	1	1.00		3.00		
Kui-hung.....		1		39	8	40	45	55				1	15	2	26			2	400		2.00		8.00	10.00	
Ming-chiang, Lëk-du.	3	2	3	33	3	25	20	50		9		2	30	5	82	3	50			2	2.50		11.00		3.00
Ne-du.....		1	1	9	4	1	12	13	11	2		1	10	1	14	1	14	1	350		1.00				
Sek-ngo-du	1	1		18	14		30	20	20	1	1	2	20	1	14					2	2.00				
Total.	13	14	17	347	165	155	460	538	77	36	22	12	413	10	148	8	134	8	$7780	5	174.50	2.00	239.50	89.00	149.30

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of baptized children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of boys' Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd value of Chapels and parsonages.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
Tang-tau	1	4	1	46	54	30	80	100	15	4		3	50	1	20	1	10	2	$600		$ 5.00	$ 1.90	$38.00	$17.00	
Ngieu-seu	1	1	1	51	135	13	150	180	30			1	128	2	46	1	12	1	500		5.00	1.90	53.00	24.50	
Sang-le		2	1	54	58	14	80	100	20	8		2	50	1	14	1	10	1	200		4.00	1.80	33.00	18.00	
Dai-ho		5	1	41	36	20	60	70	6	4	2	4	50							1	3.00	.50	20.00	16.00	
Bah-sai	1		1	1	9		10	10	5											1	.40		3.00	2.02	
Total	3	12	5	193	292	77	380	460	76	16	2	10	278	4	80	3	32	4	1300	2	17.40	6.10	147.00	77.70	

HING-HUA DISTRICT.

Hing-hua city	3	1	2	64	90	21	30	150	10	5	2	1	60	2	25	1	20	3	$2000		$6.50	$12.00	$20.00		
Hang-gëng	1	1		49	13	13	25	50	19	7		1	34					2	180		4.00	6.50	6.00		$36.00
Bah-sai	1			4	3	4		10			1							1	12		.20		1.20		
Guang-au	1		2	94	10	35	10	120	10	9	22	1	60	2	40	2	40	1	200		4.00	4.50	36.00		14.00
Kia-sioh		1	2	77	40	47		120	10	5	5	3	70	2	26	2	34	4	200		4.00		19.00		
Bing-hai	1		3	54	28	37	15	120	7	7	7	1	60	1	19	3	70	2	150		3.00		19.00	$1.00	5·00
Buo-hi		1		25	6	18		30			5	2	18					1	130		1.00		8.00		
Nang-nik	1			30	10	19		20	8		1	2	15					1	180		2.00	.20	13.50		5.00
Gie-dieng	1		2	58	13	11	5	70	5	7	2	2	50			2	23	2	200		2.50	1.00	20.15	6.00	2.00
Sieng-iu	1		1	77	14	35	40	90	10	10	2	2	37	1	16	1	23	2	500		6.50	2.00	40.00	40.00	21.00
Gieng-sang		1	1	52	90	30	80	260	100	18	8	2	250			1	18	2	200		3.00	6.50	38.00	20.00	50.00
Ung-sü	1			33	32	7	80	150	20	6	3	1	50					1	100		1.00	3.00	16.00		
Lieng-cü	1		1	39	30	14	50	100	8	11	2	1	60	1	10	1	8	2	800		2.00	3.00	24.10		7.00

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of baptized children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of boys Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
Siek-gëng	1	1	2	91	61	72	84	130	30	3	2	3	74	1	15	2	40	2	$900	2	$5.00	3.00	$42.00	$250.00	$47.00
Ngü-ka	1	2		28	34	25	60	60	20	17	2	3	57	2	28			1	160		1.50	1.00	20.70	100.00	20.00
Ngu-cheng	2	6	1	116	96	94	265	220	2	18	16	7	131			1	9	1	400		6.00	1.50	56.00	500.00	26.00
Hai-kau	1	3		40	58	18	96	90	10	2	44	2	58	1	13			2	200	2	4.50	1.00	41.50	30.00	30.00
Dëng-aing		2	1	42	14	26	50	50	5	4	2	3	24			1	10	2	100		1.50	1.00	20.00	4.00	9.00
Sing-dong	1	5	2	114	114	66	118	180	25	28	14	6	107	1	15	1	12	4	880	1	6.00	1.50	65.00	175.00	40.00
Gëng-giang	1	2	2	124	121	98	200	200	20	10	7	6	70	1	14	2	27	7	1180		7.50	10.00	72.00	280.00	20.00
Ha-ü	1	2	3	72	72	64	150	160	100	5	4	2	49	1	17	3	66	2	1100		8.00	1.00	49.00	100.00	20.00
Hai-ieu	1		1	90	74	30	210	300	40	11	2	5	60	1	23	1	36	5	2340		4.00	1.00	49.00		40.00
Gong-ing	1	2		58	12	24	40	50	8	5	6	2	21					2	1000	1	3.00	4.00	30.50	40.00	14.00
Hok-chiang City	3	1	1	49	12	24	50	50	8	4	1	1	20	1	21	1	16	1	1800		4.20	3.00	30.75		14.00
Total	13	26	13	824	668	541	1323	1490	268	107	60	40	671	9	146	12	216	29	10060	6	$51.20	28.00	$476.45	1477.00	280.00

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

Ing-chung	2		1	26	5	9	80	40	2	2		3	20			1	10			2	$2.80	$4.60	$14.50	$21.20	$4.50
Daik-hua		1	2	26	6	9	50	47	4	4		1	21							1	2.70	6.40	13.70		6.00
Hu-iong	2			43	12	31	120	80	2	1	14	1	40	1	19	1	18	1	$2000		3.00	3.15	22.92	60.00	12.00
Chiak-cui	1		1	12	3	8	67	20	3	3		1	16	1	10			1	650		2.65	1.35	11.20	33.00	5.50
Tai-cheng	1			29	9	8	90	35	8		1	1	10					1	420	1	2.00	4.00	15.00		14.00
To-nguong		1	2	17	6	3	40	20	3			1	12	1	15			1	260	1	4.35	13.40	13.40		2.70
Tong-tau	1	1	1	28	4	6	80	50	10	10		2	16	1	21					2	2.75	9.15	9.15		4.00
Total	7	3	7	181	45	74	527	292	32	20	15	10	138	4	65	2	28	4	$3330	7	$19.60	$42.05	$99.87	$114.20	$38.70

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

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Iong-bing City	1			17	1	3	14	13	1	1		1	11							1	$2.00	$.13	$2.00		
Song-chiong	1	1		16	9	10	14	3	1	1		1	16					1	$200	1	4.00	3.00	2.90		
Sa-gaing	1			6	2	4	3	4			1	1	5							1	1.50	1.20	1.00		
Hu-nguong	1	1		8	10		10	6	4	2										1	1.50	.30	4.00		
Iong-de	1	1		19	3	9	19	16	2			1	17							1	2.50	.30	5.00		
Ngo-sek-du	1			19	5	13	19	16	4	8	4	1	14							1	1.00	.12	8.00		
Iu-ka City	1	1		17		7	14	2	2	3		1	7							1	3.00	4.50	3.00		
Lek-du		1		7	3	1	5	4				1						1	250		2.00	1.50	5.40		
Chiong-hu-buang	1			53	8	31			5	6	8	1	35					1	700		4.50		14.30		
Total	8	5		162	41	78	98	64	19	21	13	8	105					5	$1150	7	$22.00	$11.05	$45.60		

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

Ku-cheng City	2	1	4	30	17	18	30	70	5	5	2	2	105	1	12	4	41	1	$2300	1	$5.00	$5.70	$10.50		$3.00
Loi-hung	2	2	1	40	14	32	12	78	5	4	1	3	50			1	17	1	350	1	5.00	.50	14.60		3.80
Gu-de	1	5	2	52	39	23	108	182	13	15		2	148	2	30	2	90	2	100		6.50	7.00	13.60	$4.00	5.00
Liang-nang	2	6	3	63	15	29	20	110	9	6	3	3	110	2	43	3	80	3	350		8.00	3.50	20.00	43.60	
Seng-long	1	2		35	28	3	20	83	10	18	3	2	45	2	32					2	4.00	1.20	8.00		4.00
Dong-huang	1	2	1	33	6	17	15	55	3	3	2	2	50	1	12	1	14	1	200		3.20	.60	8.35		
Cong-tau	1			21	12	2	10	45	12	7	2	2	40	1	12					2	2.00	1.60	3.50		2.60
Dio-a	1	2	1	46	35	19	25	120	14	11		1	120			1	33	1	310		5.00	3.00	12.00		3.50
Sek-baik-du		1	1	23	18	7	10	70	13	10		1	40	1	12	1	32	1	180		2.00	.50	5.00		5.00
Total	11	21	12	349	194	150	253	836	84	79	19	18	598	10	153	13	357	10	$3690	5	$49.70	$26.30	$104.05	$47.60	$32.90

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sun day Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Boys Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and parsonages.	No. of Halls and other rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
Foochow District.	13	14	17	847	165	155	460	538	77	36	22	12	413	10	148	8	134	8	$7780	4	175.50	2.00	239.50	89.00	149.30
Hai-tang District.	3	12	5	193	292	77	380	460	76	16	2	10	278	4	80	3	32	4	1300	2	17.40	6.10	117.00	77.70	
Hing-hua District.. ..	12	5	14	656	379	291	335	1290	207	85	60	19	764	9	136	13	236	24	4852		39.70	38.70	260.95	67.00	140.00
Hok-chiang District..	13	26	13	824	668	541	1323	1490	268	107	60	40	671	9	146	12	216	22	10060	6	51.20	28.00	476.45	1477.00	280.00
Ing-chung District...	7	3	7	181	45	74	527	292	32	20	15	10	138	4	65	2	28	4	3330	7	19.60	42.05	99.87	114.20	38.70
Iong-bing District....	8	5		162	41	78	98	64	19	21	13	8	105					3	1150	7	22.00	11.05	45.60		
Ku-cheng District. ..	11	21	13	343	184	150	250	813	84	79	13	18	708	10	153	13	257	10	3800	6	40.70	28.60	94.95	47.60	28.20
Totals for 1891. ..	67	86	69	2706	1774	1366	3373	4947	763	364	185	117	3077	46	728	51	903	82	32272	33	366.10	151.50	1364.32	1872.50	636.20
Totals for 1889. ..	55	79	59	2450	1412		4146	4302	648	312	153	112	2421	47	647	35	515	74	25806	37	378.27	242.16	1219.39	2604.21	755.45
Increase for 15 months.	12	7	10	256	362			645	115	52	32	5	656		81	16	388	8	6466				144.93		
Decrease for 15 months.							773							1						4	12.17	90.66		731.71	119.25

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

The figures in the first column indicate the year the preachers were received on trial; those in the last, the number of years in the present appointment.

ELDERS.

1886	Brewster, W. N.	Missionary,	Hing-hua	District	2
1878	Ceng Cong Ming	Hu-iong,	Ing-Chung	„	3
1873	Ciong Daik Liong	Hok-Chiang ...,	Hok-Chiang	„	1
1877	Daing Gieng Ing	Presiding Elder,	Iong bing	„	2
1879	Dang Seng Ling..	Ciong-hu-buang,	„	„	1
1875	Ding Cing Guong	Central School,	Hing-hua	„	3
1877	Ding Ga Sing	Gëng-giang,	Hok-Chiang	„	2
1877	Ding Siu Küng	Chong-tau,	Kucheng	„	2
1877	Ding Soi Ling	Lieng-cü-li	Hing-hua	„	5
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Kucheng City,	Kucheng	„	2
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Dong-huang,	„	„	1
1878	Diong Sëük Buo	Iong-bing City	Iong-bing	„	2
1879	Hü Caik Hang	Ming-chiang, Lëk-du Foochow		„	5
1860	Hü Bö Mi	Hok-ing dong	„	„	4
1860	Hü Iong Mi	Superannuate	„	„	2
1865	Hü Sing Mi	Cing-sing-dong	„	„	1
1877	Huong Daik Chiong	Ngü-kä,	Hok-chiang	„	2
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	„	„	2
1864	Iek Ing Guang	Tieng-ang-dong	Foochow	„	2
1877	Iong Daik Cheu	Sieng-iu,	Hing-hua	„	4
1883	Lacy Wm. H.	Prof. A. C. College	Foochow	„	5
1877	Lau Guang Hung	Ming Chiang Sek-ek-du	„	„	1
1878	Li Ding Cui	Presiding Elder,	Hing-hua	„	4
1877	Ling Cing Cieng	Nang-nik,	„	„	1
1887	Ling Ming Sang	Sing-dong,	Hok-chiang	„	1
1877	Ling Ming Ciong	Hing-hua City,	Hing-hua	„	4
1883	Ling Säëng Lai	Chiah-cui,	Ing-chung	„	3
1878	Ling Seng Eü	Hang-gëng,	Hing hua	„	1
1879	Ling Seu Ing	Liang-nang	Kucheng	„	3
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	Presiding Elder,	Ingchung	„	5
1873	Pang Ding Hie,	Sa-gaing,	Iong-bing	„	1
1870	Plumb, N. J.	In U. S. A.			2
1877	Sia Heng Tö	Presiding Elder,	Hai-tang	„	2

1873	Sia Lieng Li	Ing-chung city,	Ing-chung District	1
1866	Sia Sek Ong	Biblical Institute,	Foochow ,,	4
1877	Sie Huo Mi	Superannuate,	Hok-chiang ,,	1
1878	Sie Sing Cang	Ngiu Seü,	Hai-tang ,,	2
1859	Sites, Nathan	Presiding Elder,	Foochow ,,	2
1882	Smyth, G.B.	Pres. A. C. College,	,, ,,	8
1881	Song Guong Huo	Hu-nguong,	Iong-bing ,,	1
1878	Ü Sieu E	Ha-ü	Hok-chiang ,,	3
1880	Wilcox, M.C.	Presiding Elder,	Kucheng ,,	5
1880	Worley, J. H.	In U. S. A.		3

DEACONS.

1884	Ding Iok Nguong	Duai-giang	Ku-cheng ,,	1
1887	Li Ngä Hung	Gie-dieng,	Hing-hua ,,	1
1883	Uong Ding Hok	Biblical Institute	Foochow ,,	1
1875	Uong Guok Hing	Dai-cheng,	Ing-chung ,,	4

PROBATIONERS.

1888	Ceng Ung Uong	Dai-ho,	Hai-tang ,,	2
1891	Cung Daik Ming	Sek-baik-du	Ku-cheng ,,	2
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang ,,	2
1886	Ding Nik Sing	Gieng-sang	Hing-hua ,,	3
1888	Ding Dai Liong	Dio-a,	Kucheng ,,	2
1888	Ding Deng Dieu	Gui-hung	Foochow ,,	1
1891	Hu Ing Li	Tong-tau	Ingchung ,,	1
1891	Gok Gi	North China Mission,		2
1889	Li Gi Chiong,	Ming Chiang, Lek-du	Foochow ,,	2
1891	Ling Ching Mi	Girls Boarding School	,, ,,	1
1891	Ling Heng Fung	Iu-kä, Sek-sé-du,	Iong-bing ,,	1
1891	Ling Hung Chö	Chiong-ong,	Hing-hua ,,	1
1889	Ling Mi Ing	Sang-le,	Hai-tang ,,	3
1891	Ling Ui Sieng	Ieng-seng,	Kucheng ,,	1
1888	Sieng Hok Lieng	Guang-àû,	Hing-hua ,,	1
1888	Saeng Ngük Chung	Buo-hi	,, ,,	2
1888	Siek Sek Diong	Kia-sioh	,, ,,	2
1889	Tiang Ngük Ceü	Loi-hung,	Kucheng ,,	3
1891	Tiang Siong Hui	Seng-leng,	,, ,,	1
1888	Uong De Gi	Ming-chiang, Ne-du	Foochow ,,	2
1891	Ü Seük Hu	,, Lek-du	,, ,,	1
1891	Ü Siu Ling	Sang-le	Hai-tang ,,	1
1891	Ung Sing Chuang	Ha-ieu	Hok-chiang ,,	1

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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President.
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MEMORANDA.

Fraternal Delegates.

TO THE AMOY MISSION:—W. N. Brewster, Ling Ming Ciong.

TO THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY MISSION:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong.

TO THE AMERICAN BOARD MISSION:—N. Sites, Iek Ing Guang.

Fraternal Correspondents.

TO THE CENTRAL CHINA MISSION:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong.

TO THE NORTH CHINA MISSION:—W. H. Lacy, Hü Sing Mi.

TO THE WEST CHINA MISSION:—M. C. Wilcox, Ting Ung Tiu.

TO THE COREA MISSION:—Sia Sek Ong.

TO THE JAPAN CONFERENCE:—Hü Bö Mi.

TO S. L. BALDWIN, D.D., Sia Sek Ong.

Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society Trustees.

FOR THREE YEARS:—Sia Sek Ong, Hü Sing Mi, Iek Ing Guang.

FOR TWO YEARS:—Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

FOR ONE YEAR:—G. B Smyth, W. H. Lacy, Hü Caik Hang.

Annual Sermons.

Conference Sermon:—Ciong Daik Liong; Alternate, Uong De Gi.

Missionary Sermon:—Hü Caik Hang; Alternate, Ding Ga Sing.

Committees.

To Publish Conference Minutes:—W. H. Lacy, Uong De Gi, Uong Ding Hok.

To Prepare Conference Program:—The Missionaries, Sia Sek Ong and Iek Ing Guang.

On Examination.

For Admission on Trial:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang

For First Year:—W. N. Brewster, Hü Sing Mi, Ü Sieu E.

For Second Year.—W. H. Lacy, Dang Seng Ling, Sia Heng Tö.

For Third Year:—N. Sites, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

For Fourth Year:—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tiu.

For Local Orders:—N. Sites, Li Diong Cui, Iek Ing Guang.

Of Girls' School Teachers:—Hü Bö Mi, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

Of Foochow Schools:—N. Sites, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Sing Mi.

Candidates for Examination.

First Year:—Ling Ching Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, Ü Söük Hu, Ü Siu Ling, Ung Sing Chuang, Hu Ing Li (9).

Second Year:—Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Daing Dieu, Gok Gi, (3).

Third Year.—Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang Ngük Cëü, Saëng Ngük Chung, (5).

Fourth Year:—Ding Nik Sing, Uong De Gi, Saëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Siek Sek Diong (6.)

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

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FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, November 18th, 1891.

The fifteenth session of the Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened at 9:00 o'clock November 18th, 1891, in the Tieng Ang Dong, (Church of the Heavenly Rest) Foochow, China.

Hü Iong Mi, assisted by the Presiding Elders, Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The roll was called by the Chinese Secretary of the last Conference.

In the absence of a Bishop, N. Sites, D.D., was by ballot, elected President.

He then called upon Hü Bö Mi to offer prayer. Several passages of Scripture were read and the hymn "And are we get alive ?" was sung.

M. C. Wilcox was by ballot elected English Secretary and Uong De Gi was chosen Chinese Secretary and Dang Seng Ling, Assistant.

On motion of Hü Iong Mi the sixth seat from the pulpit was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

It was decided to hold a daily prayer meeting from 8.30 to 9.00 and the regular sessions of the Conference from 9.00 to 12.00 o'clock A.M.

G. B. Smyth was elected Conference treasurer.

Rev. S. L. Gracey, D.D., of the New England Conference, now U. S. Consul at this port, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Standing Committees were chosen as follows :—

I.—*On the State of the Church*:—The Missionaries and the Presiding Elders.

II.—*On Education*:—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Ling Ming Ciong, Ü Sieu E, Ciong Daik Liong.

III.—*On Sabbath Schools:*—W. N. Brewster, Dang Seng Ling, Tiang Ngük Cëü, Ung Guok Hing, Ling Mi Ing.

IV.—*On Religious Literature:*—W. H. Lacy, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Ung Tiu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Uong Ding Hok.

V.—*On Temperance*:—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Li Diong Cui, Huong Pau Seng, Sia Heng Tö.

VI.—*On Sabbath Observance* :—N. Sites, Ling Sing Eü, Lau Guang Hüng, Siek Sek Diong, Li Guong Siu.

VII.—*On Self Support*:—Iek Ing Guang, Pang Ding Hie, Nguoi Gi Lang, Ling Sëü Ing, Hü Sing Mi.

VIII.—*On Conference Relations*:—M. C. Wilcox, W. H. Lacy, G. B. Smyth, W. N. Brewster, Ding Ga Sing, Hü Bö Mi, Iek Ing Guang,

IX.—*Conference Stewards* :—Hü Sing Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Huong Daik Chiong, Ling Cing Ciong, Ceng Cong Ming, Ceng Ung Uong, Diong Sëük Buo.

The Twentieth Question was called, the character of Huong Pau Seng was passed and he reported the Hok Chiang District (see Reports).

The time was extended and 10.30 a.m. Saturday was fixed as the hour for receiving fraternal delegates.

The Doxology was sung and Dr. Gracey pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, November 19th, 1891.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, N. Sites, Presiding.

Ling Ming Ciong conducted the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Sia Sek Ong, Hü Sing Mi and Iek Ing Guang were re-elected Trustees of the Preacher's Aid Society.

The Twentieth Question was resumed. The characters of the following named effective elders were passed and they reported their Missionary collections :—Ding Ga Sing, Ling Ming Sang, Ü Sieu E, Huong Daik Chiong, Sie Huo Mi

On motion Sie Huo Mi was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Nguoi Gi Lang's character was passed and he represented the Ing Chung District. The characters of the following Elders were also passed and they reported their missionary collections: Ling Saëng Lai, Ceng Cong Ming, Song Guong Uong, Ling Sing Eu.

Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District being detained at home, his character was passed and his report was read by the Chinese Secretary. The characters of the following effective elders were also passed and their missionary collections reported : Pang Ding Hie, Diong Sëük Buo, Dang Seng Ling.

W. H. Lacy presented the report of the Preachers Aid Society. It was adopted and ordered printed (see Reports).

The character of Sia Hong Tö was passed and he represented the state of the Hai tang District (See Reports.)

The character of Sie Sing Cang was passed and he reported his missionary collection.

On motion W. H. Lacy, Uong De Gi and Uong Ding Hok were appointed to publish the Minutes of the Conference.

The character of Li Diong Cui was passed and he reported the condition of the Hing-hua District (See Reports). The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their missionary collections: W. N. Brewster, Ling Cing Cieng, Ling Ming Ciong, Ding Soi Ling, Sia Lieng Li, Iong Daik Cheu.

The President called W. N. Brewster to the chair.

The character of N. Sites was passed. He represented the Foochow District and then resumed the chair. The characters of the following effective elders were passed:—G. B. Smyth, W. H. Lacy, Sia Sek Ong, J. H. Worley (in U. S. A.), N. J. Plumb (in U. S. A.), Ciong Daik Liong, Hü Bö Mi, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Sing Mi, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Ming Dung.

The death of Ding Neng Ciek was announced. On motion Iek Ing Guang and Sia Sek Ong were appointed to prepare a memoir.

The character of M. C. Wilcox was passed and he reported the state of the Kucheng District (see Reports). The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their missionary collections: Ding Siu Küng, Lau Guang Hüng, Ding Ung Tiu, Ling Sëü Ing.

The Eighteenth Question was taken up and the characters of Uong Ding Hok and Li Ngä Hung supernumerary preachers were passed.

The Nineteenth Question was called and the character of Hü Iong Mi, a superannuated preacher, was passed.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time. The Doxology was sung and Hü Iong Mi pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, November 20th, 1891.

The Conference met at the regular hour, N. Sites in the chair.

Devotional exercises were led by Ling Sing Ëü.

The Third Question: "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up. The following named brethren reported their missionary collections and were, on

motion, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations: Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing.

On motion of W. N. Brewster fraternal delegates to the Woman's Conference, now in session, were appointed as follows:—Ding Ung Tiu, Ling Ming Ciong and Hü Bŏ Mi.

The Third Question was resumed. Ding Hieng Ngieu reported his missionary collection and was continued on trial. Ü Siu Eu and Ding Sing Seng were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

At the close of a brief discussion it was voted that after an examination before the Conference of their characters and work, all preachers on trial be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. The following named brethren were accordingly called, one by one, before the Conference, questioned especially as to their use of wine and tobacco, directed to appear before this Committee and reported their missionary collections:—Ding Daing Dieu, Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Liang, Saëng Ngük Chung, Siek Sek Diong, Hu Ing Li, Uong De Gi, Li Gi Chiong, Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Dai Liong, Li Guong Siu, Tiang Ngük Cëü. and Gok Gi, of North China.

On motion the Committee on the State of the Church was appointed to consider the work of Deaconesses in the Fuhkien Province and to report on the same.

The Thirteenth Question was called. The following named brethren were passed and they were continued in the second class of Deacons: Uong Guok Hing, Ding Iok Nguong, Uong Ding Hok, Li Ngä Hung.

On motion of W. N. Brewster it was ordered that the vote for a delegate and a reserve delegate to General Conference, also on the question of admitting women to General Conference, be taken to-morrow morning immediately after the reading of the Minutes.

Dr. S. L. Gracey addressed the Conference.

The Second Question was asked:—"*Who are received on trial?*" The following named brethren having passed satisfactory examinations, having been recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, and having promised to abstain entirely from the use of tobacco and wine were received on trial:—Ling Ching Mi, Tiang Siong Hui, Ling Hung Chŏ, Ü Siu Ling.

The time was extended to complete the business on hand.

Conference adjourned with the Doxology and the Benediction, which was pronounced by M. C. Wilcox.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, November 21st, 1891.

Conference assembled at the usual hour with N. Sites presiding.

The Prayer Meeting was conducted by Ding Ga Sing.

After the minutes of the previous session were read and approved the time for the election, fixed yesterday, was deferred a few minutes.

The Second Question was again taken up. Ü Säëk Hu, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Heng Tung and Ung Sing Chung were received on trial.

The Third Question was resumed. Ceng Ung Uong was continued on trial and remains in the Third Class.

The President called W. N. Brewster to the chair.

Then followed the election for a Delegate and a Reserve Delegate to General Conference, G. B. Smyth and W. H. Lacy acting as tellers.

The number of votes cast on the first ballot for Delegate was 29; necessary to a choice 15. N. J. Plumb received 10; M. C. Wilcox 10; scattering 9.

On the second ballot 30 votes were cast; necessary to a choice 16. N. J. Plumb received 14; scattering 16.

Third ballot: Number of votes cast 31; necessary to a choice 16. N. J. Plumb received 21 and was declared elected.

A ballot was then taken for a Reserve Delegate. Number of votes cast 29; necessary to a choice 15. J. H. Worley received 21 and was declared elected.

At W. N. Brewster's request M. C. Wilcox presided.

The question of changing the Restrictive Rule in order to admit women as delegates to General Conference was taken up. During the discussion of this subject the President of the Conference returned and took the chair. The vote on changing the Restrictive Rule resulted as follows: For the change 22; against 10.

The Third Question was again called. The Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations reported with reference to four preachers on trial and the Conference took action as follows: Ling Mi Ing and Cüng Daik Ming were continued on trial and advanced in their studies. Ü Siu Eu and Ding Sing Seng were discontinued and permitted to take work under the Presiding Elder.

The time for the reception of fraternal delegates having arrived, Rev. C. Hartwell and Rev. Ling Bang Ho were introduced and conveyed the greetings of the American Board Mission.

Miss Lydia A. Trimble and Mrs. Ahok were present as the delegates of the Foochow Methodist Woman's Conference. Mrs. Ahok spoke briefly and earnestly of her desire to devote herself entirely to evangelistic work among her Chinese sisters.

Rev. Mr. Ding and Rev. Mr. Nguoi were also introduced and delivered the fraternal message of the C. M. S. Mission.

Letters of greeting from the Union Church of Amoy, from J. H. Worley and from N. J. Plumb (both in the U. S.) were read.

Rev. Dr. Gracey favored the Conference with an earnest fraternal address.

The time was extended.

It was moved and carried that a session of the Conference be held at 1:30 this afternoon.

On motion the Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung and N. Sites pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Saturday, November 21st, 1891.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, N. Sites in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Third Question was then taken up. The Committee on Conference Relations reported favorably concerning the following named brethren, who promised wholly to abstain from the use of wine and tobacco. They were continued on trial and advanced in their studies. Ding Dai Liong, Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Saëng Ngük Chung, Siek Sek Diong, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Li Gi Chiong, Uong De Gi and Gok Gi, of North China. Ding Daing Dieu not having been examined, remains in the Second Year.

Li Ngä Hung and Uong Ding Hok, supernumerary preachers were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

From the preachers and members on the Iong-bing District was presented a petition earnestly requesting the Missionary Society to establish a Foreign Mission Station at Iong-bing City, as has been done with such good results at Kucheng and Hing-hua. M. C. Wilcox moved that this petition be received and printed. W. N. Brewster moved as an amendment, that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a statement of the needs of our entire work and an appeal for more workers ; this communication to be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Conference and sent to

our Church papers for publication. The motion as amended was unanimously adopted and Sia Sek Ong, Hü Bö Mi and W. N. Brewster were appointed as the Committee.

On motion the Committee on the State of Church was authorized to nominate the miscellaneous Committees.

The Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung and Sia Sek Ong pronounced the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, November 23rd, 1891.

Conference convened at the regular hour, N. Sites presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Diong Sëük Buo.

The minutes of the Saturday afternoon session were read and approved.

The First Question was called: *"Who are received by Transfer and from what Conference?"* Answer, None.

Then followed a discussion concerning the legality of the election to General Conference of the lay delegate, who was chosen by a minority of the lay delegates from the only district represented in the electoral Conference. The Chair ruled that a delegate thus chosen was not legally elected.

Thereupon W. N. Brewster moved and M. C. Wilcox seconded the following which was adopted.

Resolved.—That we request of the Presiding Elders, that, in future, the election of delegates to the lay electoral Conference be invariably held.

The Eighteenth Question was taken up. *"Who are the supernumerary preachers?"* Li Ngä Hung and Uong Ding Hok were made effective.

The Nineteenth Question: *"Who are the superannuated preachers?"* was called and Hü Iong Mi was continued in this relation.

Sie Huo Mi was granted the superannuated relation at his own request, and was on motion referred to the Conference Stewards.

The Tenth Question was taken up: *"What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?"* Answer, None.

The Report on the Boys' High School was read by Sia Sek Ong. It was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

N. Sites presented the report on the Theological School. It was read by the Chinese Secretary, adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

It was ordered that a session of the Conference be held at 7.30 this evening.

Miss Julia A. Bonafield was introduced and made a few remarks concerning the Girls' Boarding School, the report of which was then read by Hü Bö Mi. Received and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

Hü Bö Mi also read the report of the Foochow Woman's School. Received and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Ü Sieu E. Adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports).

Iek Ing Guang reported for the Committee on Self Support. The report was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports).

On motion of W. H. Lacy it was ordered that all reports must be translated before presentation to the Conference.

The time was, on motion, extended.

Miss Sites was introduced and presented the following communication.

"At the last Annual Conference there was a vote taken to reprint our old "Methodist Hymnal." Before doing so it is necessary to revise it and it is desirable to add a number of newly translated hymns, not yet seen in any of our collections. I shall be glad to do what I can to accomplish this work and ask that a Committee of three competent natives be appointed by Conference to assist; and also, that said Committee, be empowered to call on others to aid when necessary.

Respectfully,

RUTH MARIE SITES.

Foochow, November, 23rd 1891.

On motion Sia Sek Ong and Uong Ding Hok were appointed on the Committee asked for by the foregoing communication, and authorized to select a third member.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 7.30 this evening. The Doxology was sung and W. H. Lacy pronounced the Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Monday, November 23rd, 1891.

The Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment, N. Sites in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Hü Caik Hang.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Sia Sek Ong read the memoir relating to the late Rev. Ding Neng Ciek. Several brethren offered tributes of respect to the character of the deceased, and by a rising vote the memoir was adopted and ordered printed.

M. C. Wilcox in behalf of the Committee on the State of the Church presented the report on Deaconesses which was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports).

G. B. Smyth stated that the memoir on the late T. Ahok, Esq., was for lack of time, omitted from the Chinese Minutes of the Conference held last spring and it was ordered to be printed in the Chinese Minutes of this Conference.

Hü Bō Mi presented the report of the Temperance Committee, which after some remarks was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports)

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented and on motion of W. H. Lacy the Conference refused to receive it until translated.

Iong Ding Hok read the report of the Committee on Religious Literature, M. C. Wilcox urged that special effort be made to circulate the "Life of Wesley" recently prepared by Mrs. Sites. G. B. Smyth made some remarks concerning the "Fuhkien Christian Advocate." W. N. Brewster spoke of a plan for increasing the circulation of the Advocate among non-Christian literary men. W. H. Lacy urged the preachers to exert themselves to secure a larger circulation of our books and papers.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 10.00 A.M. tomorrow.

The Doxology was sung and Hü Iong Mi pronounced the Benediction.

SIXTH DAY.

Tuesday, November 24th, 1891.

Conference met as per adjournment, N. Sites presiding.
Uong Daik Chiong conducted the devotional exercises.
The Minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

On motion the English Minutes as approved from day to day were made the official record of the Conference.

The unfinished business of the previous session—the report on Religions Literature—was taken up. W. H. Lacy moved to amend the report by striking out the recommendation to change the name of the "Fuhkien Christian Advocate." The report as amended was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports).

The report on the Mission Press was presented, received and ordered printed. (See Reports).

The reports of the Committees on Sabbath Observance and Sabbath Schools were adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

W. H. Lacy reported $50.00 from the proceeds of the Mission Press as a donation to the Preachers' Aid Society. The money was received with thanks. On motion the Conference also voted its thanks to W. H. Lacy for his valuable services as Superintendent of the Press.

Other reports relating to our publishing interests were presented, adopted and ordered printed.

The report on the W. F. M. S. Hospital was read by the Chinese Secretary, received and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

G. B. Smyth presented his report on the Foochow University. It was adopted and ordered printed (See Reports).

The Third Question was again taken up and the name of Li Guong Siu called. The Committee on Conference Relations reported on his case and by a count vote of 21 to 12 he was discontinued.

It was moved and carried that the Conference adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

The Doxology was sung, the Benediction being pronounced by Dr. Gracey.

EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, November 24th, 1891.

The Conference met according to adjournment with N. Sites in the chair.

Ding Siu Küng conducted the Prayer meeting.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved,

The reports on the Work of Bible Women, on Girls' Day Schools and that of the Conference Stewards were read, adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

Sia Sek Ong spoke of the possibility of a Missionary Bishop being elected for China and Japan, and the Conference took unanimous action against such election.

On motion of Sia Sek Ong, the Conference unanimously asked that one of our regular Bishops should reside in China.

Sia Sek Ong moved that the General Conference be respectfully requested to render a definite decision as to whether a man having two wives should be received into the Methodist Episcopal Church. The motion was adopted and the Secretary was instructed to write to our delegate concerning this and the two preceding actions.

Sia Sek Ong turned over to the Preachers' Aid Society $50. which had been sent him as a present by Dr. M. C. White, formerly of this Mission, now a professor in Yale College. After several remarks the money was on motion received and the hearty thanks of the Conference tendered to Sia Sek Ong.

On motion of Sia Sek Ong, the President was requested to send to Dr. White the greetings and thanks of the Conference.

The "Statement and Appeal" for workers, prepared by Sia Sek Ong, Hū Bō Mi and W. N. Brewster was presented to the Conference by N. Sites and adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

On motion a letter of thanks, by a rising vote, was ordered to be written to the Missionary Society and the Church at large, on account of the joyful news received by cablegram to-day—namely, that all our principal estimates for 1892, have been granted.

The Thirty-third Question was taken up. It was moved and carried that the next Conference be held in Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow.

The miscellaneous nominations of the Committee on the State of the Church were confirmed by the Conference. (See Memoranda.)

Iek Ing Guang addressed the Conference, asking aid to enlarge Tieng Ang Dong. The Conference unanimously voted to raise $1,000 for this purpose here, and to ask for $3,000 from abroad.

Huong Pau Seng moved, that in view of the scarcity of missionaries in this field, in view of the fluent use of the Foochow dialect by Rev. F. Ohlinger, now of Corea, and in view of his special adaptation to the work of a teacher, that the Conference request his re-appointment to this Mission and to our Theological School; also, that a copy of this action, signed by the President and the Secretary be sent to him.

This motion was adopted by a rising vote.

The Conference voted its thanks to the President and the Secretaries, to the Committee on Entertainment, and to the ladies for their great zeal in missionary work.

M. C. Wilcox moved and W. H. Lacy seconded the following which was adopted by a rising vote of the entire audience:—

Whereas,—The United States Government has appointed as Consul to the port of Foochow, the Rev. S. L. Gracey, D.D., of the New England Conference, therefore,

Resolved,—That we as a Conference hereby express our hearty satisfaction and gratitude at this appointment.

Resolved,—That we tender to Consul Gracey our thanks for his interest in Christian Missions and for his unwearied efforts to render official aid and protection in our work.

Resolved,—That a copy of this action, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Conference, be forwarded to the Secretary of State, at Washington.

On motion the Committee on Publishing the Minutes were authorized to abbreviate reports ordered to be printed.

The Minutes of the present session were read and approved.

After a brief address by the President the Appointments were read.

The Conference joined in singing a hymn, then adjourned *sine die*; N. Sites pronouncing the Benediction.

NATHAN SITES, *President.*

M. C. WILCOX, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

NATHAN SITES, PRESIDING ELDER.

This, our oldest District, from which for over thirty years annual reports have been presented, still holds its preminence, in that here centers our highest grade schools, from which emanates intellectual development and spiritual life and culture, reaching to the farthest outports in the Conference.

These schools being severally reported to the Conference I will not here give in detail their increasingly encouraging religious growth.

At Lĕk Du (village in sixth township of Ming-chiang county) the new chapel, with parsonage and school-rooms are nearly completed, and by the friendly aid of a local literary gentleman, who is one of the chief advisers of the magistrate, we have secured the official seal to our deeds, and all local opposition has been amicably settled.

Though Lĕk Du is twenty miles from the county seat, this is to be our central station for Ming Chiang county, as it is located in the most literary, wealthy and influential part, and from here we expect to push our lines of work, to all other parts of the county.

The exceptionally friendly manner in which we and our work have been received here, gives us hope for the speedy evangelization of Ming Chiang. Seed sowing began twenty seven years ago, when I had the privilege of making the first missionary visit through all this region,—my tongue then scarcely loosed to the use of this language, and my helpers Sia Sek Ong and Li Yu Mi, were babes in presenting Christ as a Saviour to the people.

Though the ingathering of converts has been few in number, they are in the main of exceptionally worthy character.

With the dedication of this new church, we propose increased activity in evangelistic efforts ; canvassing the whole county with itinerant bands, giving to the teeming thousands the preached Gospel, "God's voice speaking to Man."

Last May, Miss Dr. Carleton, assisted by Miss Hü King Eng gave three weeks of very effective service, at three of our principal Ming Chiang stations.

Hundreds of women and children came seeking medical treatment, and as many more, men and women, came with them to see and hear.

I was at the same time holding my quarterly meetings at the same places; continuing our meetings daily, we improved the opportunity to give to the multitudes the Bread of Life. A new interest was awakened; and at our recent visit in October, eight persons were baptized as the fruits of our May visit. A notable letter, sent up to the Annual Conference, addressed to the Bishop, has come into my hands; asking that the Lĕk Du preacher be returned for the fifth year. The letter is signed by a long list of Christians and is notable from the fact that it is also signed by eleven who are not Christians,—gentry, students and graduates of first and second degrees,—the very people who are usually most eager to drive out Christianity. The writer of the letter is evidently not a Christian. He says, "The doctrine of the Saviour is indeed grand and excellent; though we have not all accepted it, we must praise and acknowledge its truth. This is because the preachers sent to Ming Chiang are rightly chosen men. When this Lĕk Du preacher first came among us, we did not know to honor him; but his kindness and helpfulness to the poor and to the suffering of all classes, entertaining no thought of personal gain, now commands the respect of all; and the literati, merchants, farmers, all grades, honor and reverence him, as they do Heaven and the Sovereign!"

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HAI TANG DISTRICT.

Sia Heng Tŏ, Presiding Elder.

N. Sites, Missionary in Charge.

I was appointed by Bishop Goodsell to the Hai-Tang District. While he was reading the Conference appointments I was greatly suprised at his reading my name to be the presiding-elder of this district, and I feared that I was unable to take so great a responsibility. But I thank God that he has wonderfully helped me during these eight or nine months and to him I give the glory for the grace and blessings he has bestowed.

At Dai-ho circuit a young boy was received into our Church. When I was reading the ritual I saw his eyes were full of tears and I asked him for the reason. He answered, "I have committed innumerable sins and no one has ever told me so." It seems to us that the Gospel is just like a mirror which can give us the image of our faces. Is it not a wonderful thing that this young boy could see his sins by reading the Gospel? I have found out that most of the people in this district are ignorant of their sins and there are not more than two or three members out of ten, whose whole families are Christians. All the preachers feel that it is very hard to teach these people.

During the year, our members and the members of the Roman Catholic Church have alternately prosecuted one another three times.

But it is fortunate that we have had a very good magistrate who tried every case immediately and settled it as soon as he possibly could, so that the parties could not hurt each other more and more. All these things show that they are ignorant of what their religion teaches.

On the 20th of the 9th month we had our District Conference. There were twenty persons present. We had a very nice talk about the the interests of our work. Every one seemed very earnest. I hope that we may be bright lights shining throughout this district.

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HING HUA DISTRICT.

LI DIONG CUI, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

It is about eight months since the last Conference met and now there comes another Conference.

At every quarterly meeting I have found that the condition of our Church in this district has been better and better. Of all the circuits on the district Sieng-iu is the most prosperous. The increased number of the members and probationers in the whole district is about six or seven hundred. But I am sorry to say that some of them do not clearly understand about Christ. I trust that my helpers and faithful members are doing their best to make them understand fully about Christ so that they may not go back to the wrong way again.

Buo-dieng circuit is also in a very prosperous condition. The preachers there go out to preach six days a week, and most of the hearers have been glad to accept their preaching. If there were more chapels established in this circuit and more preachers appointed to it, the people would be willing to provide all the furniture needed by the preachers; and this would encourage all old members to do better work for our church.

The number of people in this district is not less than two or three millions, yet there are only ten preachers. This is indeed the field referred to in the Bible: "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

Although there are some cold hearted and some warm hearted members in the twelve circuits, yet they have done their best towards subscriptions. Consequently the money raised this year is much more than last year. There were two chapels built this year in Sieng-iu by the members themselves, and the members of other places wish to build their own chapels. This brings great comfort to my heart.

The number of adults baptized this year is ninety four more than last year and the number of children baptized nine more than last year.

All these things show God's great blessing. Great credit belongs to Rev. and Mrs. Brewster and my fellow workers.

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HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder.

W. H. Lacy, Missionary in charge.

It is nine months since I was appointed to this district. I have gone around all the appointments of this district three times and have carefully looked at the condition of our church. There are eleven circuits in this district and forty eight appointments. Most of the appointments are outside of the South Gate of Hok Chiang City. Besides there is Ka-tau in the northern, Hai-kau in the south-eastern and Ngü-kü, Hong-ciah, and Diong-ngiang in the north western part of the district.

The rest of the circuits are about five or ten li apart. They are all in one part of the district and are like a constellation of stars. They contain thousands of members. Although there is so great a number of Christians living among the heathens in these places yet our enemy, Satan, has been the ruler over them for so long a time, we can hardly even civilize them; for fighting, robbing and seizing people have been and are still, frequently done by them. Hence most of these villages have no intercourse with one another. This prevents the Christian villagers from visiting among those who live in different villages. But during this year, with the exception of one or two places there has been a pretty peaceful condition. This is a great comfort to us. I thank God for the grace he has given us.

The general condition of each circuit is as follows:

The opportunity for preaching at Hok Chiang City has not been very good. The subscriptions for this year are somewhat less than last year because of the five members, who not having come to church for several years, have been dismissed. Hai-kau circuit is in a better condition. The members of this circuit wish to build a church on the business street and have subscribed over $200, which however, is not enough to build it. It is fortunate that the members of Hai-Tang district have subscribed for us more than $50, yet we still need more money to build it. So if our Mission will

help us a little we can easily accomplish the work. Ngu-cheng is a self-supporting circuit this year. There are two preachers on the Sing-dong circuit. As one of them has been sick, not as much progress has been made by the other preacher who has been quite faithful in his work. In Ha-ü circuit there have been pretty good opportunities but no improvement in subscriptions has been made. Hai-ieu circuit is in a very poor condition for there has been a certain kind of disease raging throughout this circuit. Most of the members have been sick and also the preacher. The preachers of Siek-gëng circuit have been very careful about their work this year. When they found any member who was not paying attention to the rules of our church, and contrary to their advice did very wrong things, they immediately consulted over the matter with the rest of their helpers and then dismissed him. I hope that the Gospel will very soon brighten up this place. In Dëng-aing circuit the number of members has not been increased and their subscriptions are just the same as last year. Gong-ing circuit has had a great increase of members and the money subscribed this year is about one third more than last year. Ngü-kä and Hong-ciah circuits have been very badly persecuted since last July. The matter is not settled yet. Preachers and members have fled from those places. I do not know when they can return. I hope that all of us, dear brethren, will earnestly pray for them.

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ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

A great responsibility rests upon the man in charge of a district, as its presiding elder; for to a great extent the life or death of the church in that district depends upon him. One who has not some ability, a good character and the grace of God to help him could not bear the responsibility of such important work.

Ing-Chung and Daik-dieng are the places farthest away from the capital of this province. Although the light of the Gospel is shining upon them, yet the people have so long and so earnestly followed bad customs that they can hardly be lightened even by this light.

I am ashamed that I am far short of what this district, of which I have been in charge for four years, demands. I thank my fellow workers who have exerted their united strength to help me in the work of spreading abroad the seeds of the Gospel.

The general condition of each circuit is as follows :—

Ing-chung circuit is in a more prosperous condition than heretofore. At Leng-cui-ding both the number of members and of probationers has increased during the year. Altogether there are more than twenty persons; six or seven out of ten are women and girls. There is one woman preacher who works mostly for the W. F. M. S.

At Daik-hua circuit no progress has been made that we can see. The chapel and parsonage have been bought with the help of a grant-in-aid ($150.) from the Missionary Society.

On Ciah-cui circuit the members have a great desire to have another chapel so that the people may easily hear about the Christian doctrine.

At Tai-cheng the matter of chapel building has not been settled yet, because of the various hinderances. Therefore there has been no regular place for Sunday services during the year. We feel very sorry about this.

Tö-nguong circuit is in a pretty good condition. A chapel has been built with the grant-in-aid ($150) from the Missionary Society and a subscription of over $100 made by the members themselves.

Tong-tau circuit has had an increase of members. Our church there has been greatly loved by the outside people. Although there is not much prosperity to report of the church, at this time, yet I believe our church will very soon grow larger in this place.

Hu-iong circuit members and probationers have grown somewhat in their knowledge of the Truth; although one or two of them still believe in the bad customs.

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IONG BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. WILCOX, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

This district has always, since its organization, been managed by persons of much ability and of good character. But the people there have been so badly bound by the old bad customs that they can hardly understand the Christian doctrines. When I was appointed to this district I was afraid that I could not bear such a responsibility. To appoint me to this district was like getting water from a deep well with a bucket fastened to a short rope. But I thank God for his help in my preaching which has been

gladly accepted by most of the people in this district. The members of Iong-bing circuit are faithful and earnest. Three from this circuit have died this year, and it seems as if one of my arms had been taken from me. Although the members of Sek-se-du circuit are poor in money, yet they are rich in the things that pertain to their Christian life. The new members and probationers have also grown in knowledge and grace.

Iu-ka circuit is like a withered tree, which has been restored to life.

Lĕk-du circuit is like the wise virgins, who prepared the oil in their lamps to go out to meet the bridegroom. There are only a very few members in this circuit, who are not very zealous.

Ngo-sek-du circuit is in a pretty good condition. Had we a good pastor there, good fruit would be brought forth. The chapel there is too small and we wish very much to enlarge it so as to accomodate the crowds who wish to hear, or else to build another chapel. The number of members and also of probationers has increased. During this year three large and influential families, who formerly forbade the people to become Christians, have themselves become Christians, and we are very thankful for this.

The members of the Iong-de circuit strive to be earnest Christians. There are two new members who come from Ka-kau, which is five miles from Iong-de, to attend the Sunday service.

The Members of the Se-sek-lĕk-du circuit persevere in their earnest Christian life.

Se-sek-ngo-du is a large village which contains several thousand families. There are several members who are very earnest, preaching all around the village and many people hear them gladly.

The statistical tables show the general condition of the district.

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KUCHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER.

Though this Conference year consists of less than nine months, yet thanks to infinite grace, the results of our labors have greatly exceeded those of any previous year. This cheering news is due to a more perfect consecration on the part of the workers. About twenty members have died since last Conference; still we are able to report an increase of 44. This shows that over sixty persons have been received into full membership since last

March. There has also been a net increase of 225 probationers and over 200 adherents. The number of converts reported is 96; missionary collection $47.80; contributed for church building and repairing $208.65; collected for self support $113.30. All these items show an increase over last year. The advance in self-support is only $18.35, whereas the 387 members and 309 probationers ought to contribute $300 or $400 for self-support. Our present senior missionary, not long ago, spoke of Kucheng district as the Galilee of the Fuhkien Methodist Episcopal Church. This is doubtless the case and it is exceedingly important that self-support should advance so rapidly that many of these unemployed preachers may be sent to labor in places where the joyful sound of the Gospel is seldom or never heard.

On November 4th, the regular district Conference and that of the women, met at Kucheng and had a most interesting and profitable session. In what follows I have sometimes quoted from the preachers' reports as given at the district Conference.

The work in Kucheng City has advanced and an excellent harmonious spirit is manifested. It seems as if this church were on the eve of a revival. The pastor speaks of the rocky soil in which he is called to sow the precious seed. The membership have advanced in spirituality and in contributions. The Sunday School is well organized and serves as a good example for the entire district.

The work on Ku-de and Duai-giang circuit has prospered. Many of the surrounding villages are coming into the light. The pastor rejoices in the increased faithfulness and earnestness of the members. At Duai-giang the members secured a site for a chapel which was begun several months ago, but the work was stopped by enemies. The district magistrate, however, brought them to their senses and in a short time the building will be completed.

The Liang-nang and Deng-iong circuit is blessed with a large number of local preachers and exhorters who are earnest in proclaiming the Gospel in neighbouring villages. The pastor attributes much of the prosperity of the year to the labors of these brethren.

A fairly good year has been experienced on the Seng-iong and Dio-siong circuit, though the spiritual condition at Seng-iong is far from satisfactory. However at Dio-siong and other villages a good work is being done and much fruit is expected in the near future.

Seng-lëng and Gang-kä circuit. The former of these villages has experienced little prosperity, but at Gang-kä good results have crowned the preaching of the word.

Sek-baik-du circuit has had a good year and the membership have increased in faith and power. An interesting work is being done in several of the neighboring villages.

The membership on the Dong-huang and Cie-ding circuit have advanced in spirituality. The greatest prosperity has been at Cie-ding. Some interest is also being shown in several other villages.

Dio-a and Hung-ieng circuit has done very well. The members have increased in earnestness. The Hung-ieng class asks for a chapel and a preacher.

Loi-hung and Ieng-seng circuit has enjoyed much greater prosperity than last year. This is due in part to the improved health of the pastor, who has a large territory over which to travel. This circuit is very large and ought to be divided into two or three had we the means to support the additional men.

For two months or more, most of the circuits of the Kucheng district have been favored with visits from Miss Lydia A. Trimble, whose labors in behalf of the Christian and heathen women and the pupils of the girls' schools have been greatly blessed. The recent district conference unanimously requested the annual Conference to appoint one of the W. F. M. S. young ladies to live at Kucheng, to engage in evangelistic work, and to superintend the various interests of that society in the district. The district Conference also asked that a boarding school for boys and one for girls be established in Kucheng, that the Women's School in that city might be enabled to receive a larger number of students, and that the annual Conference might meet early in December. All these requests I most heartily second.

Kucheng, November 12th, 1891.

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THE FOOCHOW UNIVERSITY.

Rev. G. B. Smyth, President.

It becomes my duty again to present a report of the Foochow University to this Conference. I shall not offer any detailed statement of the Theological and High School Departments, as their Principal, Dr. Sites will himself report on them. I will say, however, that they greatly need larger and better accommodations. The present building is perhaps large enough for one of the schools, but it is not large enough for both. If we had a suitable building for the Boys' Department the attendance would be much larger, and the work of superintendance much more easy. Indeed, with a suitably

equipped Boys' School there would be scarcely any limit to its growth. The course too could be made much higher and far more satisfactory. A great deal might be done in teaching western science or at least the elements of it in the Chinese language. Many valuable scientific books have been translated into Chinese and the brighter boys in the Boys' School should be made acquainted with them. The boys would then be thoroughly prepared to enter the Theological School or the Anglo-Chinese College, or become teachers in our district schools. Even if they did neither they would have received a good education which would be of great interest to them in whatever they chose to do. All this would need better accommodations, more money, and well prepared scientific teachers. The Anglo Chinese College will undertake to supply the teachers; let us ask for the money and get the accommodations.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

There is not much to say concerning the condition and work of the College since I presented my report to the last Conference, eight months ago. Just before that session a class graduated, but since then nothing of especial interest has happened. The number of students is not as high as it was last year. Just before the opening of school at the begining of this year, some of our students entered the Government School at Mamui, and some who intended coming here went to the American Board School, being attracted thither by the much lower charges. However, we had seventy-four students during last term. This term we have only sixty-six. The number is always lower the second term than the first. Some who enter at the begining of the year find they cannot learn English easily and so leave, and others go away for other reasons. Yet though our numbers are not very large we have several very excellent students, and it is a great pleasure to teach them. We have an unusually large number of students from Amoy and Formosa, some of whom left the Government School at Tamsui to come here, as their parents thought our rules and methods were preferable.

The conduct of the scholars has, with very few exceptions, been very good. Many of them are earnest Christians, and some take an active part in assisting the pastor of Tieng Ang Dong.

Up to a couple of weeks before this Conference session the health of the boys was very good, but then unhappily, three of them were taken seriously ill. One of them has recovered, one has died since you came together here, and the third is still very weak. The boy who died was an earnest Christian and half an hour before his death bore glad testimony to the power of the Christian faith to comfort and sustain in the presence of the dread enemy, Death. The boy who is still so ill is his brother. Their

father Rev. Ding Long Kó, you all know, is the oldest pastor now connected with the American Board Mission. I ask your prayers for him that he may be sustained in this severe trial.

There are four foreign teachers, and two Chinese teachers teaching English and three Chinese teachers teaching Chinese. There is also a most excellent Chinese monitor who has done a great deal in looking after the conduct of the boys. I am greatly indebted to him, for his assistance has been invaluable to the school. The two assistant teachers are graduates of the College, Ding Maing Ing and Sia Tieng I. These two young men have done excellent work, and proved themselves most efficient teachers. I wish to thank Rev. Iek Ing Guang for his assistance; three times a week, he taught a large class in Acts. Of the five graduates of last year, one is a teacher in the college: one, Ling Gie Huong, is in the American Consulate at Amoy, one is an assistant at the Methodist Episcopal Mission Press and another is a student in the Theological School.

I am sorry to say that many boys leave us before graduating, and more sorry that of those who have completed the course we have been able to retain so few. Some of them are very good English scholars and might do splendid work for the Church by translating books into Chinese. But such men have better opportunities outside and we cannot blame them for accepting them.

I trust the Conference will give its hearty support to this College. Those of us who are appointed to work in it will do our best, but we shall be able to work better if we have our brethren with us. There are disappointments as well as successes and you must not let them discourage you. There are not many doors open as yet to receive young men with a good English education but the number of open doors will increase and fruitage abundant will appear in the future. This was one of the first schools in the country where a good English education was offered the youth of China and it has had numerous imitators. The number of English schools, which have been opened during the last ten years, is a sign of the times and proves that the demand for a knowledge of the languages and sciences of the West is growing. We must keep on with our work and in time Christian young men, of our own as well of other churches, will be occupying positions of influence and power in the Empire. Let us have your sympathy and your prayers. Pray for the success of the College; pray for the blessing of God upon its work; pray that whatever is done may be guided by him, and that it may result in the enlarging and strengthening of the Christian Church.

Before closing I must bear testimony to the earnestness and faithfulness with which I have been supported by my colleagues in doing this work. Without them I could have done nothing. All of them, especially the ladies, have worked in spite of great obstacles. For the ladies it has been hard work indeed. With little children to care for it is not always easy to be ready to meet one's classes day after day at stated hours. Such work is

too exacting for them but they have done it for the sake of the students. The Mission has asked the Missionary Society to send out a man and so afford them some measure of relief. I sincerely hope that our request will be granted.

But I must not weary you. There is much more to say but there is not time. Pray for us. God has been with us in the past; may He be with us still.

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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

NATHAN SITES, DEAN.

Four native teachers,—two giving full time, and two part time,—have done efficient work.

We have thirty-four students enrolled; eleven of these are a preparatory, "on trial" class. Of the other twenty-three, one is self-supporting, and three are supported by local friends. This year, six complete their course, and take appointments, as preachers on trial in the Annual Conference. With the excellent grade of scholarship of this class, their knowledge of Christian doctrines, and the earnest spirit of work in which they go out, we expect them to be successful in the building up and strengthening of believers, and in the salvation of many souls.

It is gratifying to report, that one of the five graduates from the Anglo-Chinese College last year, has now been one year in our Theological School preparing for the ministry. This is as it should be. Educated talent rules here. China governs one-fourth of the human race. Her rulers are selected from the tens of thousands of graduates from her literary and military competative examinations.

If the church wins China, it will be done through an educated ministry, full of faith and the "Holy Ghost."

In America, Methodism began with the "common people." So also in China. But as in America, our church is now looking to an educated ministry, for successful workers, so must it be in China. And as may be seen by our Conference list, Fohkien is more and more looking to this school for her ministers.

One year ago, our Annual Conference besought the home church to send us a foreign missionary who might give his entire time to this Theological School. Again we repeat the request for a young man, specially filled by theological training, and complete consecration to a life of service for God and China, to step into this place, and grasp the reins which may direct forces of incalculable measure.

The figures given below, will prove more than any words of mine, the importance of this school, and the sacred and high honor of being associated with it.

Full members of Conference—native,

Ordained Elders	34
„ Deacons	4
Total	38

Of these, twenty-three, or three-fifths are graduates of this school. Looking farther, at the tendency in the "coming man," we find that of the twenty-two preachers on trial, nineteen are also graduates of our School of Theology.

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BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

The past year shows increased interest in this school, with greater promise of usefulness; for which we thank God and more dilligently work for its improvement.

During the year, more than eighty students have applied for admission; but because of our limited room, we were obliged to turn away nearly half, and employed only two teachers. The pupils are from eight to eighteen years of age. Fifteen are sons of preachers, and are aided each to the amount of fifty cents a month. Eighteen more are sons of Christian parents who provide for all their expenses, as do also the parents of the few who come from non-Christian homes.

Native and Christian books are both taught, and attendance upon Sunday service is required.

The boys take great delight in the half hour drill which Miss Ruth Sites gives them twice a week, in singing hymns and Christian melodies.

The request of our Committee on Education last year, for similar HighSchools, one at Kucheng and one at Hing-hua has been granted, and this may somewhat lessen our number of applicants at Foochow, which in any case must be more than our present room can accommodate.

The Church holds in high appreciation the services of Rev. Sia Sek Ong, D.D. as monitor and instructor in both schools.

NATHAN SITES.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

When the Committee on education met, we all felt that the eleven rules and suggestions offered by the Committee on Education at the last Conference were excellent. Though some of them have been adopted, we regret to say that it has not yet been found possible to adopt them all. We offer them now again and hope that they will all be adopted and followed soon, and we desire to offer a few more as below:—

I.—Every report from the Day schools should have the seal-mark of the presiding elder of the district and the pastor of the circuit. Without such seal-marks no money should be paid to a school by the missionary in charge.

II.—If a student in the Theological School earnestly desires to remain after he has completed the full course in order to continue his studies, we recommend that the authorities of the school, if they are satisfied in the case, allow him to do so.

III.—The year before last many of the children of the neighbors attended the Boys' High School. The accommodations however, are poor and small and it is hard therefore, for the teachers to use the best methods in teaching. We earnestly ask the mission to plan for this school so that the light of the Gospel may be diffused more widely.

IV.—We recommend that the methods of study in the Girls' Boarding School be the same as those in the Boys' Schools. When the girls study Chinese books they should study aloud that they may be the better able to remember.

V.—We recommend that in the Girls' Boarding School no version of the Bible be used which uses the charater *sing* for God in place of *Siong-Dä*.

VI.—High Schools have been opened at Ku-cheng and Hing-hua, as recommended by the Committee on Education last year. We hope that this year a Boys' High School will also be opened at Hok-chiang. Thus the light of the Gospel will be diffused more widely.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. SMYTH,
Chairman.

Ü SIEU E.
Secretary.

FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.

Wm. H. Lacy, Superintendent.

The last session of the conference having been held in March, there have been but eight months since the work of the Press was reported by my predecessor. That we have been able to do as much work during these few months is due to the large business which grew up under the efficient management of Rev. N. J. Plumb, who for so many years superintended these interests.

It was not an easy task for one wholly unacquainted with the business, and having no experience as a practical printer to take up the duties of Superintendent of the Press with its allied interests. That I have failed to accomplish very much I would have done is true; but it is not because I have not exerted myself. Three considerable needs have been felt: lack of experience, lack of time, and lack of money. I trust that as time passes all of these needs will gradually diminish.

Careful consideration has been given to the requests made by the last Conference, and so far as possible they have been observed.

(1) The Life of Wesley, prepared by Mrs. S. M. Sites, has been published. It is a very attractive illustrated book and is now on sale for 75 cash ($7\frac{1}{2}$ cents).

(2) The quarterly lesson notes and lesson leaves have been published earlier in the quarter and circulated as rapidly as possible.

(3) Two new Book Depositories have been established; one at Hinghua, the other at Kucheng. We have sent large quantities of books to these out-stations, and our preachers and members will be supplied with books and tracts from these places at the same price as at Foochow.

(4) The request to put on sale various books publised at Shanghai and Canton has not been granted for two reasons: viz., a lack of funds for tract work, and dissatisfaction with the management of the old depositories, necessitating changes present and prospective which shall make these agencies of the Press more efficient.

(5) To the request for the reissue of the old hymn book I must say now as I said then—impossible until the present edition of the new hymnal is exhausted. Early in the year I offered special inducement to the preachers to circulate this new book at a reduced price and over a thousand have been sold. There are now less than five hundred on hand, but it would not be just to the Tract Society to print another edition until this one is disposed of. Neither will it be wise to print the old book without revision. Miss Sites is now translating some of our best hymns and when the time comes for a new edition we shall have some valuable additions.

I had hoped to be able to report the completion of the colloquial Bible. To meet the pressing demand a few hundred copies of the Old Testament were issued separately. These are now in your hands. The printers are now at work on Revelations, and the first complete Bible in the Foochow dialect will very soon be in circulation. This work is the joint product of the American, and the British and Foreign, Bible Societies.

In view of the fact that the Mission Press is no longer a child, but has grown strong and independent, I believe the time has come when it should begin to walk in the steps of its mother, the great Methodist Book Concern of America, and declare dividends for the support of the claimants of the Foochow Conference. I therefore propose to make a modest beginning this year by giving to the Conference Superannuate Fund $50 from the profits of the Press since last conference. This is but a small sum compared with what we receive from America, but I hope as the years go by it will increase to a large amount. Whether this is possible will depend very largely upon the zeal of the brethren of the Conference in the work of circulating the books, tracts and papers here published.

The Fohkien Advocate.

The circulation of this paper is not what it ought to be, but I am pleased to report an increase of nearly forty *per cent* during the year. Rev. G. B. Smyth has given much more time to the editorial work than has been possible in previous years, and this fact is evident in the improvement of the paper. I am planning to print it on white paper and give it a colored cover. This will largely increase the cost of publishing. If this is desired by the Conference I urge you to more zealous efforts to increase its circulation, as the expense of publication is not more than half met by its present subscriptions. A great disadvantage is felt in the difficulty of securing a prompt delivery to subscribers throughout the country, because of no regular postal facilities. I shall gladly receive suggestions on this point from the Conference, and will engage special messengers if the circulation can be increased sufficient to warrant the added expense.

The Child's Paper.

This little monthly has been prepared alternately by Mrs. Hubbard of the A. B. C. F. M, and Miss Johnson of our own Mission. It is highly appreciated by the women and children who can understand its easy colloquial. Its illustrations are prized but they are far too few and crude. More money is needed for its improvement, and I earnestly hope the newly organized North Fohkien Tract Society will take up this work, and make this paper not only a messenger of "Glad Tidings" but an attractive paper prized by all, both young and old.

Printing done during nine months.

The work of the Press during the past nine months may be summarized as follows:—

	Volumes.	*Pages.*
Scriptures	95,200	7,307,000
Books: Tracts, etc	61,670	2,487,300
Sheets: Tracts, etc.		238,815
	156,870	10,033,115

Book Depository Accounts.

M. E. Tract Society's	*Books.*	*Sheets.*
In stock Jan, 1st 1891	33,042	4,560
Printed Jan. 1st,—Nov. 15, 1891	24,550	49,600
	57,592	54,160
Disbursed Jan. 1st—Nov. 15, 1891	27,178	47,700
In stock Nov. 15th, 1891	30,414	6,460

American Bible Society's	*Books.*	M. E. Press' *Books.*
In stock Jan. 1st, 1891	34,822	4,275
Printed Jan. 1st—Nov. 15th	1,300	9,550
	36,122	13,825
Disbursed Jan. 1st—Nov. 15th	9,789	10,317
In stock Nov, 15th, 1891	26,333	3,508

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RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Religious Literature take pleasure in presenting the following report.

We would thank Mrs. Sites for having prepared and the Press for publishing the "Life of Wesley," in the colloquial. We understand that the classical translation is now ready for the Press and would request its immediate publication.

We congratulate the Conference on the appearance of the complete colloquial Bible and trust it may be widely circulated.

Of the 1500 Hymn books on hand last Conference less than 500 now remain. Miss Sites is translating some new hymns and ere long we shall look for a hymn book better than anything we have had heretofore.

The Fohkien Advocate has greatly improved under the efficient editorship of Rev. G. B. Smyth. We ask that the preachers send in contributions for its literary or news columns at least once a quarter. We would request the Presiding Elders to appoint some able preachers on each district to receive, correct and forward to the editor contributions for the Advocate. Such sub-editor on each district should receive a complimentary copy.

A desire has been expressed for a change in the Chinese name of the paper and we request the Conference to consider the same.

Many have praised the Child's Paper and we again urge the preachers to exert themselves in extending the circulation of this and the Advocate.

All our preachers and people ought to read general literature and become informed as to the events of the world. We therefore request the preachers to solicit subscriptions and establish small libraries, where our people may secure our most valuable books.

We emphasize the value of the quarterly lesson notes and request that they be regularly supplied as an imperative necessity to our teachers.

We are informed that the agent of the Methodist Tract Society, in consultation with the missionaries has fixed the selling price of all its publications at one half the cost. Preachers should be pleased to buy at the same price as the members now that the price is so low.

We congratulate the Conference that a Union Tract Society has been formed by the Methodist Episcopal, the American Board and the English Church missions at Foochow. An effort will be made to furnish Christian books at greatly reduced prices and in much larger quantities.

W. H. LACY,
Chairman.

UONG DING HOK,
Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee think that the nine rules adopted at the Conference of 1888 are very good, and they are copied here that we may be able to follow them.

1.—Every preacher should exert himself to follow the rules carefully.

2.—Every Sunday School Superintendent should appoint a certain time in which to teach the teachers of the Sunday School that they may be able to teach their scholars.

3.—The Sunday School Lessons should be printed in sufficient numbers to be distributed to every circuit. In addition Notes on the Lessons should be published in the *Ming Seng Huoi Bŏ* to aid the Superintendents in explaining the Lessons.

4.—The Superintendent should put down the names of the scholars and classes so that at every quarterly meeting he could present them before the Presiding Elder to be examined.

5.—Every quarter the Presiding Elder should try to persuade the members to subscribe some money for the use of the Sunday School, so that at the end of the last quarter he may be able to buy some nice things to present to the children of the school.

6.—The different maps of the Bible, such as the map of Judea, the map of Egypt, the map of the journeys of the Apostles, should be distributed to every Sunday School.

7.—The new and the old rules should be printed and sent to every circuit.

8.—The Old and the New Testaments should be sold at a lower price so that every Sunday School might be able to buy either the classical or the colloquial for the scholars to read.

9.—The Preachers should persuade their Sunday School scholars, whether male or female, old or young, to learn the Romanized so that all the members might be able to read the Bible.

The last four rules have not yet been observed.

The present Committee desire to add these additional suggestions :

1.—The preacher in every circuit, and the teachers of the Sunday Schools should have a Sunday School whether the number of scholars is great or small—even when there is only one.

2.—The Superintendent should arrange the scholars in classes according to age and sex, and the teachers should teach the Bible or some other book or books.

3.—The Superintendent should hold a quarterly examination in what the scholars have read.

The Committee request the Superintendent of the Press to print this report for distribution throughout all our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. BREWSTER,
Chairman.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee perceive in the several annual reports of this Conference that excellent resolutions have been passed from year to year on this important subject; but we fear too little attention has been paid to putting them in practice. We therefore recommend.

1.—That the publishing Committee select the several important sections from the reports of the past three years and publish them in sheet form to be distributed throughout the Conference that all may know and observe these recommendations.

2.—That preachers in charge of circuits shall diligently inquire of all candidates for admission into the Conference whether they will carefully keep the Sabbath, and if they will not they must not be received.

3.—That the preachers on every circuit according to circumstances arrange to hold a service every Sabbath afternoon either for the study of the Sunday School lesson, for preaching, or for neighbourhood evangelistic meetings.

LAU KUANG HUNG,
Chairman.

N. SITES,
Secretary.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

DEACONESSES.

The Committee recommend :—

1. That the provisions of the chapter on Deaconesses in the Discipline, (edition of 1888) be translated and printed in the Chinese minutes.

2. That the Conference Board of Deaconesses for this year consist of the following members :

Miss Hartford,
Miss Trimble,
Mrs. Wilcox,
Mrs. Brewster,
G. B. Smyth,
W. H. Lacy,
Hü Bö Mi,
Li Diong Cui,
Ding Ung Tieu.

N. SITES,
Chairman.

W. N. BREWSTER,
Secretary.

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TEMPERANCE.

The presiding elders themselves ought to refrain from wine and tobacco first, and then advise other preachers to refrain from them.

When conference time draws near the presiding elders ought to prepare reports telling whether every preacher has refrained from wine and tobacco during the year.

The preachers of every circuit ought to preach a sermon on Temperance at each quarterly meeting.

The presiding elders ought to make every preacher obey what was decided last Conference concerning this matter.

M. C. WILCOX,
Chairman.

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CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

During the past year five persons have been receiving aid from the superannuate fund and we recommend that the same amounts be paid during the coming year, as follows: per month—Mrs. Dang Ging Dong, $2.00; Rev. Hü Iong Mi, $6.00; Li Hok Ming, $2.00; Mrs. Ling Ging Ding $2.00; Mrs. Daing Guang Ing, $3.00.

We further recommend that during this year the Conference pay Rev. Sie Huo Mi and Mrs. Ding Neng Ciek each $3.00 per month.

HU CAI HANG,
Secretary.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As the treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society is a servant of this Conference, and as his books are kept in English, the accounts are accessible to but very few members of the Conference. I infer therefore that the general interest of you all in the condition of the treasury is sufficient reason for my presenting to you a report containing a statement of accounts more in detail than has been presented in previous years.

I have transferred from my books two statements: viz. one of the Cash account, and one of the Loan accounts, giving in addition the summary of Assetts and Liabilities. That these may be clear to all I have had them printed and circulated through the Conference.

I congratulate the Conference that our saintly superannuated brother, and the widows and orphans of our brothers who are now at rest, are being properly cared for. The handsome surplus of $2496.15 at the disposal of the Society is a guarantee that the families of all who do faithful work shall be well cared for when their days of effective service are passed.

The gratitude of the Conference is due to the Church in America, which by its liberal support of the Methodist Episcopal Book Concern, enables it to make such liberal grants from its profits to our Conference Superannuated Fund. I believe the day is not far distant when the embryonic "Book Concern" at Foochow—the M. E. Mission Press—will be able to make an annual grant from its profits towards this same deserving cause.

In closing my report as Treasurer I take great pleasure in thanking the Secretary of the Society, Rev. Hü Sing Mi, for his valuable assistance in placing the loans and collecting the interest on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LACY,
Treasurer Board of Trustees.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

WM. H. LACY, TREASURER.

Cash Account.

Dr.

1891.	Mexicans.		
To Balance due Treasurer at last Conference		$ 33	46
„ Insurance claim paid to Daing Die Sai	$13.34		
„ „ „ „ Ding Heng Mi	10.80		
„ „ „ „ Sia Séü Ong	7.88		
„ „ „ „ Lau Diong Ling	9.72		
„ „ „ „ Uong Sie Se	12.00	53	74
„ Loan No. 9	$400		
„ „ „ 10	500		
„ „ „ 11	300		
„ „ „ 12	350		
„ „ „ 13	300	1850	00
„ Claims on Conference Fund for 9 months, April-Dec.			
„ „ „ Mrs. Daing Guang Ing	$27.00		
„ „ „ „ Ling Cing Ding	18.00		
„ „ „ „ Dang Ging Dong	18.00		
„ „ „ Li Hok Ming	18.00		
„ „ „ Rev. Hü Iong Mi	54 00	135	00
„ Balance in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank		385	65
		2457	85

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By Book Concern Dividend for 1890, $391 gold @ 80	488	75
„ „ „ „ 1891, $384 „	480	00
„ Dividend from chartered funds, $30 gold @ 80	37	50
„ Loan No. 6 and interest	1092	60
„ „ „ 4 „	359	00
	2457	85

Audited and found correct.

GEO. B. SMYTH.

WM. H. LACY,
Treasurer.

Loan Account.

Dr.				Cr.			
1889.	To Loan No. 1.....	985	00	1890	Loan No. 1 and int.....	1034	25
	„ „ 2.....	200	00		„ „ 2 „	224	00
1890				Aug. ...,	„ „ 3	950	00
Jan. 18,	„ „ 3.....	959	00	1891			
18,	„ „ 4.....	310	00	Oct. ...,	„ interest	50	00
Mar. 15,	„ „ 5.....	350	00		„ No. 4	310	00
Aug. 15,	„ „ 6.....	1000	00	Feb. 5,	„ interest	49	00
1891				Mar. 16,	„ No. 5 and int.....	365	55
Feb. 3,	„ „ 7.....	50	00	June 4,	„ „ 6 partial & int	459	00
6,	„ „ 8.....	200	00	Nov. 18,	„ balance & interest	633	60
Mar. 16,	„ „ 9.....	400	00		By Loans outstanding	2100	00
Apr. 2,	„ „ 10.....	500	00				
11,	„ „ 11.....	300	00				
June 6,	„ „ 12.....	350	00				
Aug. 19,	„ „ 13.....	300	00				
Nov. 18,	„ Interest on loans during 3 years	280	40				
		6175	40			6175	40

Summary.

	Liabilities.				Assets.		
Nov. 18,	Insurance Society claims.....	159	50	Nov. 18,	Outstanding loans	2100	00
	Excess of Assets over Liabilities.....	2496	15		Cash on hand	385	65
					Native Cemetery Stock	170	00
		2655	65			2655	65

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

The Spring term of the Boarding School opened just before Conference; so we have now, the work of a term and a half to report.

For each of these terms, the enrollment is 68. That for the year is 80.

Of these 63 were boarding pupils and 17 were day pupils.

With very few exceptions, the boarding pupils belong to Christian families, as do four of the day pupils also.

Of the whole enrollment, 31 are church members and ten probationers. Two day pupils belonged to a Catholic family, but they came during the spring term only.

The spiritual interest in the school has been good. Though there was no special revival interest, there has been strong, active Christian growth in many hearts. This was manifest in the every day work and conduct of the students.

A siege of small-pox compelled us to close school, without examinations, June 6th. Five girls were ill but all recovered.

No class was sent out in June; the highest class had still two year's work to do.

The Fall Term opened with preparations for examinations, which were very successful. This term's work began September 21st.

We have had the same teachers, during the two terms, and we are very grateful for the help they have been to us. Mr. Ling has been very faithful in helping both teachers and scholars.

Mrs. Patience Ling, our efficient matron, has continued her good work in caring for the girls.

The scholars have been much interested in their music, and have made good progress under Miss Sites' instruction. Three more girls began studying instrumental music this term, making seven in all. Our own classes have worked earnestly and done well.

We can truly say the school has made good progress, mental and spiritual, and for this we thank God.

There is another thing of which we wish to speak. Christ said to one of the seven churches, "I have somewhat against thee." We do not think it is misquoting Scripture to use these words of our honored Conference brethren. Not because you have criticised our school; we are glad that some of you have. We had rather have you criticise than say nothing. Indifference would hurt us most.

We will all agree, doubtless, that our school *should* train its own

teachers. That girls who have finished the course of study should be *competent* to begin teaching in the school; and they are.

That while they gain experience in teaching, they should continue their own studies, and that the time *should* come when we do not need a gentleman teacher in the school, because we can supply our own demand from girls the school has trained.

Then, brethren of the Conference, fathers. brothers, young preachers, why not help us to make this true? Let us tell you, that to do this, three things are necessary: First, we must have girls who have the ability. Second, we must have teachers competent in mind and heart to train our pupils, for such a position. Third, we must be given *time* to do it.

Chinese girls have this ability; it is possible to find the teachers.

We cannot *keep* the girls long enough for this.

When we receive your daughters, sisters, betrothed wives, many of you are willing to promise that they can study three or five years. Others, reluctantly, a few, gladly, promise for the full course of eight years.

When we seek for a gentleman teacher, we do not accept one who has studied only five years, nor even eight years. Nor would you recommend such a teacher.

If a girl stays in the school eight years, it is considered very strange if we invite her to study longer. If one of the girls begins teaching in the school, how long is she allowed to remain? How much experience does she gain?

During the last three years, at least two of our girls have been said by Chinese teachers, to be able to become competent head teachers in our school. We have had five girls teaching, at different times, during these years. Where are they now? Three are already married, and the fourth will be soon. Most of the girls who finish the course of study are married very soon after leaving the school.

After that, their husbands claim them; they are taken for other work or household duties claim their attention.

For several years, we ladies have earnestly tried to have the little girls finish, faithfully, the course in the Day Schools, then come to the Boarding School for eight years; giving them a twelve year's course of study. So far, we have practically failed.

We shall continue to fail, unless *you* help us. Unless you believe this important, recommend it in your districts and stations, and teach Christian parents, by words and *example*, the importance of such an education as *cannot* be obtained in three or five years.

You cannot be so anxious to have your girls obtain such an education, as we are to give it to them, or we should *keep your* girls.

Let us have the bright girls, first in the Day Schools for four years,

then in our Boarding School for a full course of study, and we thoroughly believe we can send out scholars of whom you will be proud. We will spare no pains to do this well.

Let their wedding wait until they are twenty-four or five years old, and we can show you trained and experienced teachers.

You do not choose boys who have studied only a few years for your head teachers; do not expect us to do so with our girls.

But so long as we train such good preachers' wives, and you insist on taking them for that, before they have finished the course, you must agree to help us obtain a good gentleman teacher to teach your preachers' wives.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE I. JEWELL.

JULIA BONAFIELD.

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DAY SCHOOLS.

During these nine months there have been in all, fifty schools in session, for a longer or shorter period. At the present time we have but forty-four. Three were closed because they lacked the required number of pupils; two because of their inefficiency, and one on account of persecutions.

There is a small increase in attendance on last year; the number enrolled this year being 1045; 412 from Christian and 633 from heathen homes.

Hok Chiang reports the largest number of pupils, as also the largest number of *Christian* pupils, the entire number being 322. Ku Cheng stands next with 275, and Hing Hua third with 200.

There is a glad song of thanksgiving in our hearts as we read the record of those brought into the fold this year through these schools. Ku Cheng reports 70 pupils as either having already joined the church, been baptized, or entered on probation. Hing Hua reports 20. Hok Chiang and Foochow failed to furnish us these items, a fact we greatly regret.

Siek Gèng and A Ü lead Hok Chiang District in the largest enrollment; Dio A and Ku De in Ku Cheng, each reporting over 40. Dio A school is in our judgment one of the best, if not the best school in the Conference. The teacher, Li Keng Die understands her business thoroughly. The majority of our teachers are doing efficient work.

The schools are not all they should be however, by any means; there is room for improvement along many lines. In three respects the lack is most apparent: first, failure to obey the rules as regards course of study; second, lack of discipline; and third, in some cases, inefficient teachers. We have raised the standard for teachers, and with more careful supervision the coming year, as our working force we trust shall be increased, we expect much better things.

The Hok Chiang schools have so increased their number of pupils that we found the amount appropriated was not enough to run us through the fourth quarter. The Hok Chiang teacher came bravely and gladly to our help by giving us $22. A large amount when we remember they get but $2 or at the most $3 a month.

Praising God for the ingathering this year, and for the hundreds who, in connection with this work, have heard the Gospel for the first time, and for the precious seed sown in the hearts of these girls from the study of our Christian books, which *shall* bring forth fruit—we look forward hopefully into the coming year, confidently expecting greater things.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FISHER BREWSTER.

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE.

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MEDICAL WORK.

As we look back over the year we see that it has been one of continuous breaks. Like the Tientsin Hospital, we too have suffered by losing the experienced worker; but unlike them, instead of having two new physicians, we have but one. Dr. Carleton was called home to care for her mother, July 1st.

The Hospital Dispensary was closed during August and the City Dispensaries during August, September and October on account of rumor of riots, which never came, we will add for the benefit of our American friends. The number of patients seen in cliniques is less than last year.

During the month of May, Dr. Carleton spent three weeks in Ming Chiang dealing out medicines to the thousands that came to be cured by the foreign physician, while Dr. Sites and a Deaconess presented the true religion to the sick, darkened souls. She saw in the three short weeks, 2089

persons and gave 2341 prescriptions. It yet lacks six weeks of the closing of our year but we find our statistics are as follows:—

No. of patients seen by visits	1088
„ „ „ in dispensaries ...	5127
„ prescriptions given	6975

Then again, in March we could pay but little attention to the dispensary patients on account of the influenza, which attacked, not only ourselves but our students, servants, and the three schools of which we have charge and these with the outside calls, took all of our time, night as well as day.

Although in dispensaries we heal many ills and relieve much suffering, we do not feel that there is where our best work for Christ is done. We feel that the real work for him is at the bed-side and in the daily teaching given by Miss Johnson and the Deaconess, who not only tell them of Jesus and his love, but teach them to read and help them to commit Bible verses and hymns to memory. The patients are especially delighted to have verses written in the Chinese character on the back of picture cards; and, by the way, any one who has a supply can aid us by sending them to Miss Johnson. This year we have been cheered on our way by the direct results of our labors, so great has been the change in the faces of some as they received the light in their hearts, Some leave us with no word or sign that they have heeded what they have heard, but word comes to us, sometimes in months or years after, that they have gone home and told of what they have heard and the whole family have become converted.

Our hospital in the city, which the Chinese did so much for, was completed and furnished the first of the year, but must remain closed as we cannot open it with only one physician here. But Dr. Carleton encouraged us by writing that she expects to return ere another year closes. We notice in some reports of Medical Work in China, a goodly number of operations in dispensaries, but here we have nothing greater than extracting teeth, lancing boils, dressing wounds and ulcers.

Neither do we have many operations in the hospital: but find the Chinese averse to being cut, though we do have an occassional case of abcess, cataract, entropium, fatty and cystic tumors, vesico vaginal fistula and many ulcers to dress.

ELLEN M. LYON, M.D.

ELLA JOHNSON, *Trained Nurse.*

DEACONESSES.

The entire number of Biblewomen employed during this Conference year has been twenty-two. Of these, five were from our Woman's School, working through vacation, going back to study on the opening of school. Still four others were employed only the latter part of the year.

The reports received are not complete as regards statistics, in fact Ku Cheng and Hok Chiang workers were specially careless in this respect. We give below what is an incomplete summary of the work done. Visits made 2367. The Gospel preached 2367 times. 239 prayermeetings held. Total number of hearers 25840.

Hing Hua and Ing Chung have seven workers, and employed three extra helpers during vacation, and they report the larger half of the above statistics.

Hok Chiang and Ku Cheng each have had four Biblewomen, part employed all the year, while others have been working only the past four or five months.

Many have been brought into the church as a direct result of the work of these women, but they have been already reported by the pastors.

We feel *the* important work of our Biblewomen is to teach the Christian women. Almost all of these are so untaught, so ignorant, so little of the Gospel light has shone as yet. There is a vast field of work here, outside of that of preaching to the heathen.

Some of our workers themselves need to be trained before they can do the most efficient work in soul-saving. But this line of work is as yet comparatively new, and though inefficient in some respects, is supplying a felt need in our church.

This report does not include the work done by our Foochow Woman's School. Six women go out four days in a week, and many have been saved through their efforts. Nor do we include the work done by the Biblewomen in connection with our Hospital, as both are reported in connection with their departments of work.

We rejoice that these Chinese sisters of ours are so abundantly blessed in their work for God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FISHER BREWSTER.

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Foochow Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Foochow, China, November 18th to 24th, 1891. Nathan Sites, President, M. C. Wilcox, Secretary.

QUEST. 1.—*Who are Received by Transfer and from what Conference?* None.

QUEST. 2.—*Who are Admitted on Trial?* Ling Ching Mi, Tiang Siong Hui, Ling Hung Chö, Ü Siu Ling, Ü Sëuk Hu, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hoeng Tung, Ung Sing Chuang.

QUEST. 3.—*Who Remain on Trial?* Ding Dai Lieng, Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Saëng Ngük Chung, Siek Sek Diong, Tiang Ngük Cëü Ding Diang Dieu, Li Gi Chiong, Uong De Gi, Güng Daik Ming, Hu Ing Li, Ling Mi Ing, Bing Hieng Ngieu, Ceng Ung Uong and Gek Gi of North China Mission.

QUEST. 4.—*Who are Discontinued?* Ding Sing Seng, Li Guong Siu, Ü Siu Ieu.

QUEST. 5.—*Who are Admitted into Full Connection?* None.

QUEST. 6.—*Who are Re-admitted?* None.

QUEST. 7.—*Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?* None.

QUEST. 8.—*What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 9.—*What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 10.—*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 11.—*What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* None.

QUEST. 12.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?* None.

QUEST. 13.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?* Ding Iok Nguong, Uong Ding Hok, Li Ngä Hung, Uong Guok Hing.

QUEST. 14.—*What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?* None.

QUEST. 15.—*What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?* None.

QUEST. 16.—*What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?* None.

QUEST. 17.—*What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?* None.

QUEST. 18.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* None.

QUEST. 19.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* Hü Iong Mi and Sie Huo Mi.

QUEST. 20.—*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

QUEST. 21.—*Have any Died?* Ding Neng Ciek.

QUEST. 22.—*Have any been Transfered and to what Conference?* None.

QUEST. 23.—*Have any Withdrawn?* None.

QUEST. 24.—*Have any been Located at their own request?* None.

QUEST. 25.—*Have any been Located?* None.

QUEST. 26.—*Have any been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* None.

QUEST. 27.—*Have any been Expelled?* None.

QUEST. 28.—*Who are selected to be Triers of Appeals?* None.

QUEST. 29.—*What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?* (See Statistical Report.)

QUEST. 30.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* $252.

QUEST. 31.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?* (See Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society Treasurer's Report).

QUEST. 32.—*Where are the Preachers Stationed?* (See Appointments.)

QUEST. 33.—*Where shall the next Conference be held?* Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow.

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

N. SITES, PRESIDING ELDER.

Foochow : Cing-Sing-dong—Hü Sing Mi.†
Hok-ing-dong—Hü Bö Mi.†
Tieng-ang-dong—Iek Ing Guang.†

Gui-hung—Ding Deng Diu.*

Ming-chiang : Lëk-du—Hü Caik Hang, Li Gi Chiong, Ü Sëük Hu.
Ne-du—Uong De Gi.
Sek-ngo-du—Lau Guang Hüng.†

Nathan Sites,† Dean of School of Theology.

G. B. Smyth,† President of Anglo-Chinese College, Editor of Foh-kien Christian Advocate. Member of Tieng-ang-dong quar. conf.

W. H. Lacy,† Superintendent of Mission Press, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College. Member of Cing-sing-dong quar. conf.

Sia Sek Ong,† Professor in School of Theology, Associate Editor of Foh-kien Christian Advocate. Member of Tieng-ang-dong quar. conf.

N. J. Plumb,† J. H. Worley,† Absent in United States of America.

Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, Instructors in Anglo-Chinese College.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

SIA HENG TÖ, PRESIDING ELDER.

N. SITES, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Dai-ho—Ceng Ung Uong.

Ngiu-Sëü—Sie Seng Cang,† and one to be supplied.

Sang-lè—Ling Mi Ing, U Siu Ling.

Tang-tau—Sia Heng Tö,† and one to be supplied.

* Local Preacher supply. † Traveling Elder.

HING-HUA DISTRICT.

Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary in Charge.

Bing-hai—Uong Ngük Ciong.*
Bäĕk-gö-leu—Li Siu Hieng.*
Buo-hi—Säëng Ngük Chung.
Chiong-ong—Ling Hung Chō.
Gie-dieng-li—Li Ngä Hung.
Gieng-sang—Ding Nik Sing, and two to be supplied.
Guang-au—Säëng Hok Lieng.
Hang-gëng—Ling Sing Ëü.†
Hing-hua City—Ling Ming Ciong,† and one to be supplied.
Kia-sioh—Siek Sek Diong.
Lieng-cü—Ding Soi Ling.†
Nang-nik—Ling Cing Cieng.†
Sieng-iu—Iong Daik Cheu.†
Ung-Sü—Ngu Soi Cëü.*
Ding Cing Guong,† Teacher of Hing-hua Central School.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder.

W. H. Lacy, Missionary in Charge.

Deng-aing—Siek Chiong Tieng.*
Gëng-giang—Ding Ga Sing.†
Gong-ing—Ling Chiong Ling.*
Hai-iu—Ung Seng Chuang.
Hai-kau—Ung Guong Goi.*
Ha-ü—Ü Sieu E.†
Hok-chiang City—Ciong Daik Liong,† and one to be supplied.
Ngu-cheng—Ding Hieng Ngieu.
Ngü kä—Huong Daik Chiong.†
Sang-sang—Ngu Muk Ong.*
Siek-gëng—Hö Dieu Iu.*
Sing-dong—Ling Ming Sang.† and one to be supplied.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Chiah-cui—Ling Säëng Lai.†
Daik-hua—Chai Hi Seng.*
Hu-iong—Ceng Cong Ming.†
Ing-chung City—Sia Lieng Li,† Ding Kie Hui.*
Dai-cheng—Uong Guok Hing.
Iong-tau—Hu Ing Li, Gö Ung Chai.*
Tö Nguong—Ngu Guok Guo.*

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. WILCOX, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

Ciong-hu-buang—Dang Seng Ling,† Ling Heng Tung.
Hu-nguong—Song Guong Huo,†
Iong-bing City—Diong Sëük Buo.†
Iong-de—To be supplied.
Iu-kä—To be supplied.
Sa-gaing—Pang Ding Hie.†
Sing-gio—Hu Ing Ing.*
Song-chiong—Daing Gieng Ing.†
Ing-ang—To be supplied.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER.

Chong-tau—Ding Siu Küng.†
Dio-a—Ding Daik Liong, and one to be supplied.
Dong-huang—Diong Ming Dung.†
Duai Giang—Ding Iok Nguong.
Ku-de—Gong Sing Cäë.*
Ku-cheng City—Ding Ung Tiu.†
Liang-nang—Ling Seü Ing† and one to be supplied.
Loi-hung—Tiang Ngük Cëü, Ling Ui Sieng.
Sek-baik-du—Cüng Daik Ming.
Seng-iong—~~Ling Seü Chung~~,* and one to be supplied.
Seng-lëng—Tiang Siong Hui.
Medical Work—J. J. Gregory, M.D.

W. F. M. S. WORK.

Foochow Girls' Boarding School—Miss C. I. Jewell, Miss Julia Bonafield.

Woman's Hospital: Medical Work—Miss E. M. Lyon, M.D., Miss M. E. Carleton, M.D., in U.S.A. Evangelistic Work—Miss Ella Johnson.

Foochow Woman's Training School, Day School and Evangelistic Work in Hok-chiang, and Hai-tang Districts—Miss Lydia A. Trimble.

Music in the Schools, and Day School and Evangelistic Work in the Foochow District—Miss Ruth Marie Sites.

Ku-cheng Woman's Training School, Day School and Evangelistic Work in the Ku-cheng and Iong-bing Districts—Miss Mabel C. Hartford.

Hing-hua City Work—Mrs. E. F. Brewster.

Day School and Evangelistic Work in the Hing-hua and Ing-chung Districts (outside of Hing Hua City)— Miss Julia Bonafield.

Orphanage—Mrs. W. H. Lacy.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

WM. H. LACY, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Tabulated Statistics do not include the following items:—

Foreign Missionaries,	6
Assistant Foreign Missionaries,	6
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.	7

BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers *	4
,, ,, Native teachers	4
,, ,, Students,	97
Theological School, Foreign teachers, *	1
,, ,, Native teachers,	4
,, Students,	34
Boys High School (Normal Dept.), Scholars,	43
,, ,, Native teachers,	2
W. F. M. S. Girls School, Native teachers,	4
,, ,, ,, Scholars,	70
,, Six Womans Schools: scholars,	127
,, Hospital Students,	9

PROPERTY.

Anglo-Chinese College, Dormitory and Apparatus	$22,000
Eleven Residences at Foochow, Hing-hua and Kucheng, including those of the W. F. M. S.,	33,700
Two Natives parsonages, †	1,700
W. F. M. S. Girls School,	10,000
,, Womans School,	3,000
,, Two Hospitals,	7,000
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building,	5,000
Mission Press Type, Presses, etc.	9,000

* Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

† Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.
Foochow District.										
Tieng-ang Dong	3	5	17	184	80	38	200	250	35	37
Siu-liang Dong	1	...	...	8	5	...	30	10	...	...
Cing-sing Dong	2	...	2	42	22	19	60	60	7	5
Hok-ing Dong	1	1	3	26	8	13	23	30	...	...
Gui-hung	1	...	...	45	10	25	45	30	...	...
Hung-mui	...	3	...	15	3	23	40	...	...	...
Ne-Du	1	1	1	10	9	2	12	40	...	6
Sek-ngo Du	1	1	...	25	6	12	30	40	...	1
Lĕk Du	3	2	2	32	7	25	20	50	...	2
Total	13	13	25	387	150	157	460	510	42	51
Hok Chiang District.										
Gĕng-giang	1	2	3	122	115	101	200	200	16	1
Gie-hĕng	1	2	...	54	53	12	100	120	30	3
Ngu-cheng	1	7	...	116	117	106	274	210	34	11
Sing-dong	1	4	2	115	114	59	120	200	25	7
Ha-ü	1	3	3	68	70	50	180	180	30	2
Ha-icu	1	4	1	90	54	46	240	310	60	2
Dĕng-aing	1	1	1	40	30	37	51	51	6	4
Ngü-ka	2	1	1	27	20	24	80	70	20	3
Sick-gĕng	...	3	3	92	62	75	30	150	6	7
Gong-ing	1	2	...	58	73	39	85	100	12	3
Hok-Chiang City	3	1	1	42	26	23	30	80	12	...
Totals	13	30	15	824	734	572	1390	1671	251	43
Ing Chung District.										
Ing-chung	2	1	1	28	10	14	45	45	1	1
Daik-hua	...	3	...	23	6	9	35	42	1	...
Chiak-cui	1	...	...	12	3	8	20	20	...	...
Dai-cheng	1	1	...	28	9	7	30	35	...	...
To-nguong	...	2	...	14	8	6	25	25	2	2
Tong-tau	1	2	...	28	7	4	30	35	5	5
Hu-iong	2	...	1	45	9	32	70	80	2	2
Totals	7	9	2	178	52	80	255	282	11	10

No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Boys Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F. M. S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
1	280	1	15	1	16	1	$ 2,800	...	$116.66	$ 22.60	$140.00	.....	$ 10.55
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	100	...	1.50	.....	.....	.....	1.00
1	60	1	16	2	35	1	2,600	...	15.70	.....	15.20	.....	9.20
1	16	...	...	2	40	1	1,900	...	7.00	.....	6.00	.....	2.00
...	...	1	16	...	...	2	400	1	1.65	.....	5.00	.....	1.00
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	0.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	30	1	10	1	20	1	400	...	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....
1	20	1	14	...	...	...	.....	2	1.50	.....	2.00	.....	.....
2	25	1	16	2	37	1	1,000	1	2.00	.....	7.00	51.00	.....
7	431	6	87	8	148	9	$ 9,230	4	$147.51	$ 22.60	$178.20	51.00	$ 23.75
6	120	1	16	2	44	7	$1,180	...	$ 7.00	$ 3.10	$42.00	.....	$25.00
3	40	1	12	...	...	2	400	2	5.00	1.85	40.00	$234.00	52.00
7	95	...	...	...	...	1	400	...	6.00	1.50	74.00	.....	40.00
6	86	1	15	1	18	4	880	1	6.00	1.00	56.20	160.00	40.00
2	65	1	16	3	95	2	1,200	...	6.00	2.45	46.00	110.00	15.00
5	72	1	15	1	34	5	2,360	...	4.00	12.43	55.00	139.00	22.00
3	34	...	...	...	...	2	200	...	1.50	1.00	19.00	9.00	21.00
3	50	1	17	1	12	2	160	1	2.00	...	16.00	.....	8.00
6	74	1	15	2	63	3	900	2	5.00	1.17	44.00	130.00	43.00
3	44	1	15	...	...	1	1,000	...	4.00	1.00	33.50	.....	20.00
2	40	1	12	1	14	1	1,800	...	5.00	2.10	25.00	.....	8.00
46	729	9	133	11	280	30	$10,480	6	$51.50	$27.60	$450.70	$782.00	$294.00
1	16	...	...	1	10	...	.....	2	$3.50	$2.75	$ 14.50	$ 19.00	$ 5.00
1	24	...	...	...	...	1	$440	...	2.30	3.10	12.90	18.10	1.50
1	16	1	12	...	...	1	.....	...	2.00	2.50	11.50	12.10	5.00
1	6	...	...	...	...	1	420	...	2.00	0.50	2.60	6.50	20.00
1	12	1	11	...	...	1	300	...	4.35	...	13.40	113.00	10.00
2	16	2	20	...	...	...	.....	2	3.00	0.50	9.00	11.00	5.00
1	40	1	20	...	...	1	22	...	3.00	1.15	22.50	28.60	7.00
8	130	5	63	1	10	5	$1,182	4	$20.15	$10.50	$ 86.40	$208.30	$53.50

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Hing Hua District.											
Hing-hua City	3	2	4	69	150	28	200	250	40	40	12
Hang-gëng	1	...	...	54	58	19	40	80	18	10	1
Lieng-cü	1	...	...	45	70	14	100	100	10	11	1
Sieng-ieu	1	...	2	39	100	29	200	140	10	11	4
Ung-sü	1	...	...	49	270	32	170	200	42	42	26
Bing-hai	1	...	3	60	35	42	50	120	10	9	5
Nang-nik	1	...	1	34	10	22	6	40	15	4	...
Gie-dieng	1	...	3	57	30	15	60	120	20	3	3
Güng-sang	...	3	3	58	150	32	220	250	50	32	4
Kia-sioh	1	1	3	77	44	58	20	120	20	6	5
Guang-au	1	...	2	97	10	42	10	140	10	11	8
Buo-hi	...	1	...	24	7	15	12	30	...	...	...
Totals	12	7	21	663	934	348	1088	1590	245	179	69
Iong Bing District.											
Iong-Bing City	1	...	1	14	2	7	12	10	3	1	...
Chiong-hu-buang	1	...	2	56	2	25	30	60	5	2	...
Sek-se-du	...	1	...	9	12	4	8	15	2	1	1
Iu-ka City	1	...	1	22	1	9	16	18	4	2	...
Ngo-sek-du	1	...	1	19	8	8	50	32	5	3	2
Iong-de	1	...	...	9	3	3	10	12	4	2	...
Se-sek-lëk-du	...	1	...	8	4	3	16	9	2	...	1
Hu-nguong	...	1	1	19	32	8	50	40	6	9	4
Sa-gaing	1	...	1	6	4	4	5	9	1	...	...
Song-chiong	1	1	2	17	9	7	20	30	4	2	...
Totals	7	4	9	179	77	78	217	235	36	22	8
Hai Tang District.											
Tang-tau	1	6	1	47	51	35	90	120	8	6	3
Sang-le	...	2	1	57	57	15	100	90	6	6	6
Ngük-sü	2	1	1	51	160	11	160	200	27	27	...
Dai-ho	...	5	1	50	20	24	50	75	9	18	4
Totals	3	14	4	205	288	85	400	485	50	57	13

No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Boys Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W. F.M.S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
200	2	20	2	28	5	$4,400	1	$13.00	$18.00	38.00	$ 12.00	$ 0.40
49	1	20	...	...	3	500	1	2.00	0.33	30.00	100.00	0.20
100	...	...	...	...	2	1,000	...	2.00	3.00	47.00	.....	3.40
60	1	12	1	15	2	2,000	...	5.50	5.00	52.00	240.00	32.50
42	1	11	...	...	2	200	...	2.00	14.00	36.00	320.00	33.50
60	1	18	3	40	3	250	...	3.00	7.20	25.00	.....	0.30
12	...	...	1	13	1	200	...	2.00	0.90	24.00	20.00	.....
40	...	...	2	25	3	200	1	3.00	2.00	30.70	10.00	10.10
300	...	...	1	21	2	280	1	3.00	15.50	93.20	61.00	37.20
80	2	20	3	57	4	300	...	10.00	0.50	46.00	.....	3.30
60	2	41	2	36	1	200	...	0.35	3.30	56.00	.....	15.50
18	1	13	...	...	1	130	...	1.00	...	13.60	4.00	.....
1021	11	155	15	235	29	$9,660	4	46.85	69.73	491.50	$ 767.00	136.40
17	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	$2.00	$0.20	$ 2.00	.....	.....
30	...	...	1	12	1	$700	...	4.00	0.75	10.00	.....	.....
10	...	...	...	...	1	250	...	2.50	3.30	5.20	$10.00	.....
15	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	...	4.00	.....	.....
17	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.50	1.55	6.75	50.00	.....
8	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.50	0.50	1.80	.....	.....
4	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.00	0.40	1.85	.....	.....
32	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	0.90	5.20	154.00	.....
8	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.50	0.85	.....	.....	.....
15	...	...	...	...	1	200	1	4.00	3.05	5.20	.....	.....
156	...	...	1	12	3	$1,150	8	$23.00	$11.50	$42.00	214.00	.....
46	1	20	1	11	2	$900.00	1	$ 5.00	$ 1.80	$ 38.00	$30.00	$ 8.00
50	1	11	1	14	1	200.00	1	4.00	2.00	33.00	160.00	7.00
160	1	12	1	13	1	900.00	...	5.00	2.20	67.00	40.00	5.00
65	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	3.00	1.64	20.50	6.00	2.40
321	3	43	3	38	4	$2,000.00	3	$17.00	$7.64	$158.50	$236.00	$22.40

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.
Ku-cheng District.										
Ku-cheng City	2	0	2	18	14	14	15	60	5	4
Loi-hung and Iong-tau	2	2	1	43	29	33	16	100	6	...
Ku-de and Duai-giang	1	5	2	75	63	36	80	180	25	25
Liang-nang and Deng-iong	2	5	...	70	51	28	150	180	11	15
Seng-iong and Dio-siong	1	1	...	29	45	8	25	50	5	5
Dong-huang and Cie-ding	1	1	2	32	7	20	40	85	6	2
Chong-tau and A-de	1	...	1	21	10	5	11	36	2	5
Tio-a and Hung-ieng	1	3	2	55	28	20	115	120	17	5
Sek-baik-du	...	1	1	22	32	8	10	55	9	2
Seng-lëng and Gang-kä	...	1	1	22	30	3	10	60	10	8
Total for District	11	19	12	387	309	175	472	926	96	71
Summary by Districts.										
Foochow District	13	13	25	387	150	157	460	510	42	51
Hai-tang do.	3	14	4	205	288	85	400	485	50	57
Hing-hua do.	12	7	21	663	934	348	1088	1590	245	179
Hok-chiang do.	13	30	15	824	734	572	1390	1671	251	43
Ing-chung do.	7	9	2	178	52	80	255	282	11	10
Iong-bing do.	7	4	1	179	77	78	217	235	36	22
Ku-cheng do.	11	19	12	387	309	175	472	926	96	71
Total for Fall Conference 1891—8 months	66	96	80	2823	2544	1495	4282	5699	731	433
Total for Spring Conference 1891—15 months	67	86	69	2706	1774	1366	3373	4947	763	364
Increase for eight months	...	10	11	117	770	129	909	752	...	69
Decrease for eight months	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...

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1	60	...	...	2	32	1	$2,300	...	$13.30	$ 1.95	$ 8.90	$ 8.00	$ 2.00
5	80	...	...	1	17	1	350	1	4.00	1.00	16.60	.....	0.80
2	98	1	21	3	80	2	500	...	6.00	3.00	18.50	180.00	.....
4	153	1	15	...	...	3	333	...	8.00	3.20	25.00	3.15	.....
2	50	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2	3.00	1.30	9.30	.....	.....
2	50	2	34	1	12	1	200	...	3.00	0.85	7.50	1.00	.....
1	30	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	1.20	4.50	.....	0.40
1	105	2	32	1	45	1	210	...	4.00	1.10	12.00	1.50	0.50
1	50	1	12	1	30	1	150	...	2.00	1.50	7.50	15.00	10.00
2	60	...	...	1	13	...	.....	1	2.50	1.30	4.50	.....	1.00
21	736	7	114	10	229	10	$4,043	5	$47.80	$16.40	$114.30	$208.65	$ 14.70
7	431	6	87	8	148	9	$ 9,230	4	$147.51	$ 22.60	$178.20	51.00	23.75
10	321	3	43	3	38	4	2,000	3	17.00	7.64	158.50	236.00	22.40
26	1021	11	155	15	235	29	9,660	4	46.85	69 73	491.50	767.00	136.40
46	720	9	133	11	280	30	10,480	6	51.50	27.60	450.70	782.00	294.00
8	130	5	63	1	10	5	1,182	4	20.15	10.50	86.40	208.30	53.50
13	156	...	...	1	12	3	1,150	8	23.00	11.50	42.00	214.00	...
21	736	7	114	10	229	10	4,043	5	47.80	16.40	114.30	208.65	14.70
131	3515	41	595	49	952	90	$37,745	34	$353.81	$165.97	1521.60	2466.95	544.75
117	3077	46	728	51	903	82	32,272	33	336.10	151.50	1364.32	1872.50	636.20
14	438	...	...	...	49	8	5,473	1	17.71	14.47	157.28	594.45	...
...	...	5	133	2	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	91.45

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OF THE

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OF THE

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I.—CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

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ELDERS.

1886	Brewster, W. N.....	Missionary in charge	Hing-hua	District	3
1878	Ceng Cong Ming	Hu-iong	Ing-chung	„	4
1873	Ciong Daik Liong.....	Ha-ü	Hok-chiang ...	„	1
1877	Daing Gieng Ing	Presiding Elder	Iong-bing	„	3
1879	Dang Seng Ling	Ciong-hu-buang	„	„	2
1875	Ding Cing Guong.....	Boy's Boarding Sch.	Hing-hua	„	4
1877	Ding Ga Sing	Gëng-giang	Hok-chiang ...	„	3
1877	Ding Siu Küng.....	Chong-tau	Kucheng	„	3
1877	Ding Soi Ling				
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Woman's School, Kucheng...	Kucheng	„	1
1877	Diong Ming Dung ...	Diong-huang	„	„	2
1878	Diong Sëük Buo	Iong-bing City	Iong-bing	„	3
1879	Hü Caik Hang	Hing-hua City	Hing-hua	„	1
1860	Hü Bō Mi	Hok-ing Dong	Foochow	„	5
1865	Hü Sing Mi	Cing-sing Dong.....	„	„	2
1860	Hü Iong Mi	Superannuate	„	„	3
1877	Huong Daik Chiong...	Siong Gong-ing	Hok-chiang ...	„	1
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	„ ...	„	3
1864	Iek Ing Guang	Tieng-ang Dong	Foochow	„	3
1877	Iong Daik Cheu	Sieng-iu	Hing-hua	„	5
1883	Lacy, Wm. H.....	Supt. Mission Press.....	Foochow	„	3
1877	Lau Guang Hüng.....	Sek-ngo-du	„	„	1
1878	Li Diong Cui.....	Presiding Elder	Hing-hua	„	5
	Li Ngä Hung.....	Gie-dieng	„	„	2
	Li Shau Wen.....	North China Mission			
1877	Ling Cing Cieng	Nang-nik	„	„	2
1887	Ling Ming Sang	Sing-dong	Hok-chiang ...	„	2
1877	Ling Ming Ciong.....	Lieng-cü...	Hing-hua	„	1
1883	Ling Säëng Lai.....	Supernumerary.....	Ing-chung.....	„	1
1878	Ling Sing Eü.....	Hang-gëng.....	Hing-hua	„	2
1879	Ling Séü Ing.....	Liang-nang	Kucheng	„	4
	McNabb, R. L.	Missionary in charge	Ing-chung	„	1
1880	Miner, G. S.	Prof. A. C. College	Foochow	„	2
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	Presiding Elder	Ing chung.....	„	6
1873	Pang Ding Hie.....	Sä-gaing	Iong-bing	„	2
1870	Plumb, N. J.	In U.S A.			3
1877	Sia Heng Tö	Presiding Elder	Hai-dang	„	3
1873	Sia Lieng Li	Ing-chung City.....	Ing-chung.....	„	2
1866	Sia Sek Ong	School of Theology	Foochow	„	5
1878	Sie Sing Cang	Ngiu-sëü	Hai-dang	„	3
1859	Sites, Nathan.....	Presiding Elder	Foochow	„	3
1881	Smyth, Geo. B.	Pres. A. C. College	„	„	9
1881	Song Guong Huo	Supernumerary.....	Iong-bing	„	1
1878	U Sieu E.	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang ...	„	1
1875	Uong Guok Hing	Dai-cheng	Ing-chung.....	„	5
1880	Wilcox, M.C.....	Presiding Elder.....	Ku-cheng	„	6
1880	Worley, J.H.	Dean, Theological School ...	Foochow	„	1

DEACONS.

1884	Ding Iok Nguong ...	Duai-giang	Kucheng	District	2
1886	Ding Nik Sing	Cia-sang	Hing-hua	„	1
1888	Ding Dai Liong	Dio-a	Kucheng	„	3
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu ...	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang ...	„	3
1891	Gok Ki	North China Mission			
1888	Säëng Hok Lieng	Guang-au	Hing-hua	„	2

PROBATIONERS.

Ceng Ung Uong	Dai-ho	Hai-dang	District	3
Cüng Daik Ming.....	Liang-nang	Kucheng	„	1
Ding Bö Cing	Loi-hung	„	„	1
Ding Deng Dieu.....	Gui-hung	Foochow	„	2
Ding Cing Seng	Sek-ek-du	„	„	1
Ding Giu U	Song-chiong	Iong-bing	„	1
Ding Hie Ung	Boys' Boarding Sch.	Hing-hua	„	1
Li Gi Chiong.....	Sang-le	Hai-dang	„	1
Ling Cing Mi	Ku-de	Kucheng	„	1
Ling Heng Tung.....	Ciong-hu-buang	Iong-bing	„	1
Ling Hung Chö.....	Chiong-ong	Hing-hua	„	2
Ling Mi Ing.....	Sang-le	Hai-dang	„	4
Ling Ui Sieng	Loi-hung	Kucheng	„	1
Lao Chie Lung	North China Mission			
Niek Sing Ek *.....	Central China Mission			
Säëng Ngük Chung...	Gieng-sang	Hing-hua	„	1
Siek Sek Diong	Kia-sioh	„	„	3
Song Hok Ming.....	Hing-hua City	„	„	1
Song Giu Gö	North China Mission			
Song Ngie	„ „ „			
Tiang Ngük Cëü.....	Sek-baik-du	Kucheng	„	1
Tiang Ngük Chiu.....	Ne-du	Foochow	„	1
Tiang Siong Hui.....	Seng-lëng	Kucheng	„	2
U Söük Hu.....	Lëk-du	Foochow	„	2
Uong Di Gi	Boys' Boarding Sch.	Foochow	„	2
U Siu Ling	Ngü-kä	Hok-chiang ...	„	1
Uong Huong Sing.....	Iu-kä	Iong-bing	„	1
Ung Sing Chuang.....	Hai-iu	Hok-chiang ...	„	2

* A Local Deacon.

II.—CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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GEORGE B. SMYTH.

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Statistical Secretary.

JAMES H. WORLEY.

Assistant.

HU SING MI.

Treasurer.

GEORGE B. SMYTH.

III.—CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

1. STANDING.

On the State of the Church.—The Missionaries and Presiding Elders.

On Education.—Geo. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Ling Ming Ciong, U Sieu E, Ciong Daik Liong.

On Sabbath Schools.—R. L. McNabb, Dang Seng Ling, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Uong Guok Hing, Ling Mi Ing, Hü Sing Mi.

On Religious Literature.—W. H. Lacy, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Ung Tieu, Ding Hieng Ngieu.

On Temperance.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Li Diong Cui, Huong Pau Seng, Sia Heng Tö.

On Sabbath Observance.—N. Sites, Ling Sing Eü, Lau Guang Hüng, Siek Sek Diong, Ding Siu Küng.

On Self-Support.—Geo. S. Miner Iek Ing Guang, Pang Ding Hie, Nguoi Gi Lang, Ling Söü Ing, Hü Sing Mi.

2. SPECIAL.

On Conference Relations.—J. H. Worley, W. N. Brewster, G. S. Miner, Ding Ung Tieu, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ga Sing, Pang Ding Hie, Sie Sing Cang, Uong Guok Hing.

Conference Stewards.—J. H. Worley, Ding Ung Tieu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Huong Daik Chiong, Ling Cing Cieng, Ceng Cong Ming, Ceng Ung Uong, Diong Söük Buo, Hü Caik Hang.

To Translate the New Discipline.—N. Sites, J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang, Uong Di Gi.

To Prepare a Course of Study for Preachers.—Geo. B. Smyth, N. Sites, J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang, Uong Di Gi.

To Revise the Common Translation of the Lord's Prayer.—G. B. Smyth, J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, Iek Ing Guang, Uong Di Gi.

To Prepare a New Hymn Book.—N. Sites, J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang, Hü Bö Mi, Uong Di Gi. Honorary Member.—Miss Ruth Marie Sites.

To Publish the Minutes.—The Secretaries with W. H. Lacy and Uong Di Gi.

IV.—CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

TRUSTEES.

For Three Years.—J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, Hü Caik Hang.

For Two Years.—Sia Sek Ong, Hü Sing Mi, Iek Ing Guang.

For One Year.—Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

W. H. Lacy, Treasurer.

BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

Geo. B. Smyth, President.

Miss M. C. Hartford.	W. H. Lacy.
„ Lydia Trimble.	Hü Bö Mi.
Mrs. M. C. Wilcox.	Li Diong Cui.
„ W. N. Brewster.	Ding Ung Tieu.

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V.—ASSIGNMENTS FOR CONFERENCE OF 1893.

1. EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Admission on Trial.—J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang.

Class of the First Year.—W. N. Brewster, Hü Sing Mi, U Sieu E.

Class of the Second Year.—W. H. Lacy, Dang Seng Ling, Sia Heng Tö.

Class of the Third Year.—N. Sites, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

Class of the Fourth Year.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tieu.

For Local Orders.—N. Sites, Li Diong Cui, Iek Ing Guang.

For Girls' School Teachers.—Hü Bö Mi, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

For Foochow Schools.—N. Sites, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Sing Mi.

2. ANNIVERSARIES.

To Preach Conference Sermon.—Ding Dai Liong; alternate, Ding Hieng Ngieu.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—Ling Ming Ciong; alternate, Ding Nik Sing.

3. FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To the American Board Mission.—J. H. Worley, Hü Sing Mi.

To the Anglican Mission.—G. S. Miner, Iek Ing Guang.

4. FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Presbyterian Churches in Amoy.—R. L. McNabb.

To the Central China M. E. Mission.—M. C. Wilcox, Ding Ung Tieu.

To the North China M. E. Mission.—W. H. Lacy.

To the West China M E. Mission.—N. Sites.

To the Corean M. E. Mission.—Huong Pau Seng.

To the Japan Conference.—Ngoi Gi Lang.

To S. L. Baldwin, D.D.—Hü Bö Mi.

5. COMMITTEE.

To Prepare Conference Program.—The Missionaries and Sia Sek Ong.

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VI.—CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

In the Studies of the Fourth Year.—Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang Ngük Chëü, Säëng Ngük Chung, Uong Di Gi.

In the Studies of the Third Year.—Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Daing Dieu, Gok Ki (North China Mission), Niek Sing Ek (Central China Mission).

In the Studies of the Second Year.—Ling Cing Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, U Sëük Hu, U Siu Ling, Ung Sing Chuang, Song Giu Gö, Song Ngie, Lao Chie Lung. (The last three are in the North China Mission).

In the Studies of the First Year.—Ding Giu U, Ding Bö Cing, Ding Hie Ung, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Song Hok Ming, Ding Cing Seng, Uong Huong Sing.

VII.—DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—*Who are Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

G. S. Miner from Nebraska; R. L. McNabb from Kansas; Li Shao Wen from Japan; Song Giu Gö, Song Ngie, Lao Chie Lung (Probationers from the Japan Conference in the studies of the second year), Niek Sing Ek, from Japan, Probationer in the third year.

2.—*Who are Admitted on Trial?*

Ding Giu U, Ding Bö Cing, Ding Hie Ung, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Song Hok Ming, Ding Cing Seng, Uong Huong Sing.

3.—*Who Remain on Trial?*

Ling Cing Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, U Seük Hu, U Siu Ling, Ung Sing Chuang, Song Giu Gö, Song Ngie, Lao Chie Lung, Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Daing Dieu, Niek Sing Ek of the Central China Mission, Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang Ngük Cëü, Säëng Ngük Chung, Siek Sek Diong, Uong Di Gi.

4.—*Who are Discontinued?*

Hu Ing Li.

5.—*Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

Ding Nik Sing, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Gok Ki (Passed in the studies of the first and second years in the course of the North China Mission.)

6.—*Who are Re-admitted?*

Li Guong Siu.

7.—*Who are received on Credentials from other Churches?*

None.

8.—*What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Ding Nik Sing, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Kok Gi (In the North China Mission waiting ordination).

9.—*What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Ding Nik Sing, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong.

10.—*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Niek Sing Ek, of the Central China Mission.

11.—*What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Niek Sing Ek.

12.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

Ding Nik Sing, Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong.

13.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

Ding Iok Nguong.

14.—*What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Li Ngä Hung, Uong Guok Hing.

15.—*What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

Li Ngä Hung, Uong Guok Hing.

16.—*What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Ding Diong Hie.

17.—*What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

Ding Diong Hie.

18.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Ling Säëng Lai, Song Guong Huo.

19.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Hü Iong Mi.

20.—*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

21.—*Have any died?*

Uong Ding Hok, Sie Huo Mi.

22.—*Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences?*

None.

23.—*Have any withdrawn?*

None.

24.—*Have any been located at their own request?*

None.

25.—*Have any been located?*

None.

26.—*Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?*

None.

27.—*Have any been expelled?*

None.

28.—*Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals?*

None.

29.—*What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?*

See Statistical Tables.

30.—*What is the Conference Treasurer's report for this Conference year?*

See Missionary Schedule and Statistical Tables.

31.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

$218.40.

32.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

$218.40. See Conference Steward's Report.

33.—*Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See Appointments.

34.—*Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow, China.

VIII.—JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

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FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1892.

Opening.—The Sixteenth Session of the Foochow Conference was called to order by Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu in Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow, at 8.30 o'clock on Thursday morning, November 10, 1892. After appropriate religious exercises, consisting of reading selections from Scripture, singing and prayer, the Bishop made a brief address, and the roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference.

Secretaries.—Geo. B. Smyth was elected English Secretary, and he nominated, as his assistant, G. S. Miner, who was elected. U Sieu E was elected Chinese Secretary, and Iek Ing Guang assistant. J. H. Worley was elected Statistical Secretary with Hü Sing Mi as assistant.

Treasurer.—Geo. B. Smyth was elected Treasurer.

Hours and Bar.—On motion of Sia Heng Tö, 8.30 a.m. was fixed as the hour of opening Conference, the first half hour to be spent in devotion; and 12 o'clock was adopted as the hour of adjournment. On motion of Diong Sëük Buo the sixth seat from the rostrum was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

Interpreter.—N. Sites was elected official Interpreter.

Standing Committees.—On motion the following Standing Committees were appointed:—

I.—On the State of the Church.—The Missionaries and Presiding Elders.

II.—On Education.—Geo. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Ling Ming Ciong, U Sieu E, Ciong Daik Liong.

III.—On Sabbath Schools.—R. L. McNabb, Dang Seng Ling, Tiang Ngük Cëü Uong Guok Hing, Ling Mi Ing, Hü Sing Mi.

IV.—On Religious Literature.—W. H. Lacy, Säëng Hók Lieng, Ding Ung Tieu, Ding Hieng Ngieu.

V.—On Temperance.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Li Diong Cui, Huong Pau Seng Sia Heng Tö.

VI.—On Sabbath Observance.—N. Sites, Ling Sing Eü, Lau Guang Hüng, Sie Sek Diong, Ding Siu Küng.

VII.—On Self-support.—Geo. S. Miner, Iek Ing Guang, Pang Ding Hie, Ngoi Gi Lang, Ling Sëü Ing, Hü Sing Mi.

Special Committees.—On motion the following Special Committees were appointed.

I.—On Conference Relations.—J. H. Worley, W. N. Brewster, G. S. Miner, Ding Ung Tieu, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ga Sing, Pang Ding Hie, Sie Sing Cang, Uong Guok Hing.

II.—Conference Stewards.—J. H. Worley, Ding Ung Tieu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Huong Daik Chiong, Ling Cing Cieng, Ceng Cong Ming, Ceng Ung Uong, Diong Sëük Buo, Hü Caik Hang.

Transfers.—The transfer was announced of R. L. McNabb from the Kansas Conference, of G. S. Miner from the Nebraska Conference, and of Li Shau Wen, Song Giu Gö, Song Ngie and Sing Gie Lung from the Japan Conference, the last three being probationers of the first year.

Introductions.—The Rev. D. W. Nichols, and Niek Sing Ek, of the Central China M. E. Mission, were introduced to the Conference and invited to seats within the bar.

Twenty-first Question.—The Twenty-first question, "Have any Died?" was asked, and the death of Uong Ding Hok and Sie Huo Mi was announced. Sia Sek Ong and Hü Caik Hang were appointed a Committee to prepare a memorial on Uong Ding Hok, and U Sieu E and Ding Hieng Ngieu were appointed a Committee to prepare a memorial on Sie Huo Mi.

Conference Relations.—On motion of M. C. Wilcox it was ordered that all candidates for admission on trial, all preachers on trial, and all candidates for ordination, should appear before the Committee on Conference Relations before their names were acted on in Conference.

Book Concern Dividends.—The Bishop presented two gold drafts from the Methodist Book Concern;—one for $56.00 for the year 1885, and one for $381.94 for the year 1892, both of which, on motion of J. H. Worley, were ordered paid to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

Twentieth Question.—The twentieth question, "Was the character of each Preacher Examined?" was taken up. Sia Heng Tö, Presiding Elder of the Hai-dang District, passed in character, and read a report of his district, which was placed on file. (See Reports). He also read a petition from the District Conference asking for the appointment of additional preachers, and the opening of more schools in the district. The name of Sie Sing Cang, an effective elder of the district was then called and, after reporting his missionary collection and giving some account of his work, his character was passed. Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder of the Hing-hua District, passed in character, and read a report of his district, which was placed on file. (See Reports.) The names of the following effective elders of the district were then called, and their characters passed, those in charge

of circuits or stations reporting their missionary collections and giving an account of their work: Ling Sing Eü, Ling Ming Ciong, Ding Soi Ling, Ling Cing Cieng, Iong Daik Cheu, W. N. Brewster and Ding Cing Guong.

Support of the Bishops.—The Bishop presented a letter from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund saying that the apportionment to be raised by this Conference for the support of the Bishops was $19.00 gold. It was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Fraternal Delegates.—On motion of G. B. Smyth 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 12th, was fixed as the hour for the reception of fraternal delegates from other churches.

Adjournment.—After various announcements, and the singing of the Doxology, the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by M. C. Wilcox.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30, and engaged in devotions conducted by Ngoi Gi Lang. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and the minutes of yesterday's session, both in English and Chinese, were read and approved.

New Hymn Book.—Sia Sek Ong presented the first volume of a new Hymn Book prepared in accordance with a resolution of the last conference so ordering, and asked that a committee of five be appointed to consider it. After some discussion the matter was laid over for further consideration.

Twentieth Question.—The consideration of the twentieth question was resumed and Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder of the Hok-chiang District, passed in character. He then read a report of his district, which was placed on file. (See Report.) He also read a petition from the District Conference asking for the appointment of a foreign missionary to live in the district. The names of the following effective elders of the district were called, and they passed in character. Those present reported their missionary collections and each one gave an account of his work: Ding Ga Sing, Ciong Daik Liong, U Sieu E, Huong Daik Chiong, Ling Ming Sang.

The name of Ngoi Gi Lang, Presiding Elder of the Ing-chung District, was called, and he passed in character. He then read a report of his district which was placed on file. (See Reports.) The names of the follow-

ing effective elders of the district were called and their characters passed, those present reporting their missionary collections and giving an account of their work: Ling Säëng Lai, Ceng Cong Ming, Sia Lieng Li.

Mrs. Sia Lieng Li.—On motion of M. C. Wilcox, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang and Ngoi Gi Lang were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial on Mrs. Sia Lieng Li, who died within the past year. The Bishop asked that part of the 40th Hymn be sung, and called on J. H. Worley to lead in prayer.

Twentieth Question.—The name of Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder of the Iong-ping District, was called and he passed in character. He then read a report of his district, which was placed on file. (See Reports.) The following effective elders of the district passed in character, reported their missionary collections and gave an account of their work: Dang Seng Ling, Song Guong Huo, Diong Sëük Buo, Pang Ding Hie.

The Bishop.—At this point the Bishop addressed the Conference on methods of work, urging upon all the supreme importance of reading the Scriptures in addressing outside or unfriendly audiences. He related some of his own experiences both as Pastor and Presiding Elder to illustrate and enforce this. He spoke of the importance of a preacher's always carrying his Bible and Hymn Book with him, and called attention to the work that might be done, especially among children, by a wise use of nicely illustrated tracts.

New Hymn Book.—The question of the appointment of a committee to examine the new hymn book was again taken up, and, on motion of G. B. Smyth, the whole matter was referred back to the original committee for the preparation of a fuller report.

Song Guong Huo.—On motion of W. N. Brewster the name of Song Guong Huo, an effective elder on the Ing-chung District, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Report.—The time being extended the report of the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society was read, and, on motion of M. C. Wilcox, it was adopted, and ordered printed in the Minutes of the Conference.

Drafts.—A draft for $25 gold on the Chartered Fund was presented by the Bishop, and a check for $50 Mexs. from the Foochow M. E. Mission Press was presented by the Superintendent, W. H. Lacy, and, on motion, both sums were ordered paid to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

Thanks.—By a rising vote the Conference thanked W. H. Lacy for the gift from the Press, and thanked also J. H. Worley and J. H. Love, Esq., the former of whom founded the Preachers' Aid Society of this Conference, while the latter contributed generously to its funds.

Trustees.—G. B. Smyth moved that, as he was about to return to the United States, J. H. Worley be elected to take his place on the Board of Trustees of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, and he was so elected. W. H. Lacy and Hü Caik Hang were reëlected for three years.

Introductions.—R. L. McNabb, G. S. Miner, and Dr. S. L. Gracey, the United State Consul, were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

Adjournment.—After various announcements the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced in English by Dr. Gracey, and in Chinese by Hü Iong Mi.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

FIRST SESSION.

Opening.—The Conference met as usual at 8.30, the devotional exercises being conducted by Huong Pau Seng. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, after which the minutes of yesterday's session, both in English and Chinese, were read and approved.

Third Question.—The third question, "Who Remain on Trial?" was taken up and the Committee on Conference Relations was asked to report on those who were in the studies of the first year. The Chairman of the Committee reported that only candidates for admission on trial and candidates for ordination had come before it. It was than ordered, on motion of J. H. Worley, that all preachers on trial, whether candidates for ordination or not, should appear before the Committee.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question, "Who are Admitted into Full Connection?" was taken up. The names of those who were in the studies of the fourth year were called, and the following, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, were passed in their studies, admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders: Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, Ding Nik Sing. Uong Di Gi was continued in his present relation, and Siek Sek Diong was passed in his studies but continued in his present relation.

Dr. S. L. Gracey.—Rev. S. L. Gracey, D.D., United States Consul at Foochow, was introduced and made a brief address. J. H. Worley moved the following resolutions and they were adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Dr. S. L. Gracey, U. S. Consul at this port, has faithfully fulfilled his duties as Consul, and conserved the interests of American citizens; and,

WHEREAS, his heart is greatly interested in the salvation of China and the education of her people; and,

WHEREAS, his influence is always devoted to the cause of Christian missions; therefore,

RESOLVED, that we give thanks to Almighty God for his presence among us, and to the present administration for his appointment, and we earnestly request the future administration to continue him as Consul at this port.

On motion of M. C. Wilcox, Geo. B. Smyth was requested by a rising vote to present the above resolution in person to the President and Secretary of State on his return to the United States.

Transfer.—Nick Sing Ek, a probationer of the second year, and connected with the Central China Mission, was received by transfer from the Japan Conference.

Twelfth Question.—The twelfth question, "What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" was taken up, and Nick Sing Ek, having passed in his studies, was elected.

Twentieth Question.—The consideration of the twentieth question was resumed, and the character of M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder of the Ku-cheng District, was passed. He then read his report which was placed on file. (See Reports.)

Fraternal Delegates.—The hour for the reception of fraternal delegates having arrived business was discontinued, and after the singing of a hymn, the Rev. C. Hartwell, the Rev. L. P. Peet, and E. L. Bliss, M.D., of the American Board Mission, were introduced. Mr. Peet said that at the last annual meeting of his mission a committee of three was appointed to discuss the marriage customs of the people, and, in connection with similar committees which it was hoped would be appointed by the Methodist Episcopal and English Church Missions, decide, if possible, what customs should be observed at the marriage of Christians. His mission, he added, requested that a committee of three be elected at this Conference. Mr. Hartwell spoke especially of the great work done in the city during the year in inducing and helping opium smokers to give up the habit.

The Rev. L. Lloyd and the Rev. Ding Seng Gi were introduced as delegates from the English Church Mission, and made brief addresses, the former especially encouraging those who might be suffering persecution, and urging us all to be assured of the certainty of final victory.

On motion of W. N. Brewster the time was extended and the Rev. D. W. Nichols was introduced as the delegate from the Central China Methodist Episcopal Mission. He spoke at length, giving a very full and interesting account of the work of the mission in its evangelistic, educational, and medical departments.

At the request of the Bishop, Hü Bö Mi replied for the Conference to the addresses of the fraternal delegates.

Adjournment.—After various announcements the conference, on motion of M. C. Wilcox, adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock. After the singing of the Doxology the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. C. Hartwell.

SECOND SESSION.

Opening.—The Conference met at 7 p.m., the Bishop in the chair. After the devotional exercises, which were conducted by Ling Sing Eü, the minutes of the previous session, both in English and Chinese, were read and approved.

Twelfth Question.—The twelfth question, "What Local Preachers have been Elected Deacons?" was taken up, and J. H. Worley, Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations reported that the Committee recommended that no local preachers be elected to Deacon's orders. On motion of Li Diong Cui the report of the committee was adopted, and it was voted that the names of persons not recommended by the committee should not be read on the conference floor.

Sixteenth Question.—The sixteenth question, "What Local Deacons have been Elected Elders?" was called, and Ding Diong Hie, having passed a satisfactory examination in his studies, and being recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, was duly elected.

Fourteenth Question.—The fourteenth question, "What Traveling Deacons have been Elected Elders?" was taken up. Li Ngä Hung and Uong Guok Hing, having reported their missionary collections, and passed satisfactory examinations, were, on recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, duly elected. On motion it was voted that Ding Ioh Nguong remain in his present relation.

North China Mission.—Gok Ki, of the North China Mission, a probationer of the second class, was admitted to Conference in full connection and elected to Deacon's orders. Song Giu Gö, Song Ngie and Lao Cie Lung, of the same mission, probationers of the first class, were advanced to the second.

Third Question.—The third question, "Who Remain on Trial?" was taken up, and the following brethren, probationers of the first class, having reported their missionary collections, and passed satisfactory examinations in their studies, were advanced to the second class: Ling Cing Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, U Sëük Hu, U Siu Ling, and Ung Sing Chuang. On motion of W. H. Lacy, the Bishop was requested to admonish, privately, U Sëük Hu and U Siu Ling for having broken the promise which they made, on being admitted on trial, to refrain from the use of tobacco.

Hu Ing Li.—Hu Ing Li, a probationer of the first class, was, on motion of G. B. Smyth and on the recommendation of his Presiding Elder, discontinued for inefficiency, but authority was given his Presiding Elder to employ him as a local preacher.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question, "Who are Admitted into Full Connection?" was again taken up. J. H. Worley lead the Conference in prayer, the Bishop made a brief address, and the following brethren, who

were admitted at the previous session, were, after answering the usual disciplinary questions, received: Säëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong, and Ding Nik Sing.

Adjournment.—After various announcements the Doxology was sung, and the conference adjourned with the Benediction by N. Sites.

FOURTH DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30, and engaged in devotions conducted by Li Diong Cui. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and the minutes of the last session, both in English and Chinese, were read and approved.

Adherents.—The Statistical Secretary asked for instructions as to who should be recorded as adherents. The Bishop thought that those who, though not baptized and not members or probationers, yet sometimes attended church and regarded us as their friends, should be so recorded.

Statistical Report.—On motion N. Sites, Sia Sek Ong, and J. H. Worley were appointed a committee to retranslate the headings of the Statistical Report, and submit their translation to this session of the conference. On motion of J. H. Worley it was ordered that no statistical reports should be received hereafter unless the financial items were given in dollars and cents.

Marriage Customs.—Sia Sek Ong, N. Sites, and Iek Ing Guang were, on motion of G. B. Smyth, appointed a committee to meet a similar committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the American Board Mission to discuss and, if possible, decide what marriage customs should be observed by the native Christians.

Twentieth Question.—The consideration of the twentieth question was resumed, and the following effective elders of the Kucheng District passed in character, those present reporting their missionary collections and giving an account of their work: Ding Siu Küng, Diong Ming Dung, Ding Ung Tieu, Ling Sëü Ing. N. Sites, Presiding Elder of the Foochow District, was called and his character passed. He then read a report of his district which was placed on file. (See Reports). The following effective elders of the district passed in character, those present and in charge reporting their missionary collections and giving an account of their work: Hü Sing Mi, Hü Bö Mi, Iek Ing Guang, Lao Guang Hüng, Hü Caik Hang, Sia Sek Ong, Geo. B. Smyth, W. H. Lacy, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, G. S. Miner, R. L. McNabb.

Eighteenth Question.—The eighteenth question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called. There were none.

Nineteenth Question.—The nineteenth question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up, and the character of Hü

Iong Mi was passed, and he was continued in the same relation. Hü Bö Mi asked to be given a superannuated relation, and at his own request his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Preachers' Diaries.—On motion of Li Diong Cui the conference voted that it would be advisable for all the preachers to keep a daily record of their work and show it to the Presiding Elder at the District Conference.

Third Question.—The third question "Who Remain on Trial?" was again taken up. The names of the following probationers of the second class were called, and they were passed in the studies of the second year and continued on trial: Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Daing Dieu. The names of the following probationers of the third class were called, and they were passed in the studies of the third year and continued on trial: Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong, Tiang Ngük Chëü, Säëng Nguk Chung. On motion the Bishop was requested to privately admonish Ceng Ung Uong and Ling Mi Ing for having broken the promise made, on being received on trial, to abstain from the use of tobacco.

Ordination.—The Bishop presented the following certificate of yesterday's ordination to be placed on file:—

This Certifies that at Foochow, China, on Nov. 13, 1892, the undersigned ordained to the Office of Deacon in the Church of God,

DING NIK SING, DING HIENG NGIEU,
SÄËNG HOK LIENG, DING DAI LIONG,
NIEK SING EK,

and at the same place and time the undersigned, assisted by several Elders, ordained to the Office of Elder in the Church of God,

LI NGÄ HUNG, UONG GUOK HING,
DING DIONG HIE.

Foochow, China, Nov. 14, 1892.

WILLARD F. MALLALIEU.

Petition.—A petition from the Iong-ping District was presented by Daing Gieng Ing asking the Bishop to appoint a foreign missionary to live in the district.

New Hymn Book.—The report of the committee appointed at the last conference to prepare a new Hymn Book was read by the chairman, Sia Sek Ong. G. B. Smyth then moved, and it was so ordered, that N. Sites, J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang, Hü Bö Mi, and Uong Di Gi, be appointed a committee to prepare a new Hymn Book, and publish it before the next conference if ready. Miss Ruth Marie Sites was made an honorary member of this committee.

The Lord's Prayer.—M. C. Wilcox objected to the use of the character, 主 Cio, Lord, in the Lord's Prayer, and on motion Sia Sek Ong, Ding Ung Tieu, M. C. Wilcox, G. B. Smyth, and Hü Bö Mi, were appointed a committee to consider the matter and report in the morning.

Adjournment.—After various announcements the Doxology was sung, and the conference adjourned with the Benediction by Huong Pau Seng.

FIFTH DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1892.

Opening.—The conference met at 8.30, and the religious exercises were conducted by Daing Gieng Ing. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and the minutes of yesterday's session, both in English and Chinese, were read and approved.

New Discipline.—On motion of G. B. Smyth it was voted that a committee of two foreigners and three Chinese be elected to translate the new Discipline into Chinese.

Course of Study.—On motion of N. Sites it was voted that a committee of five be elected to prepare a new course of study for preachers and submit the same to the Board of Bishops for approval.

The Lord's Prayer.—M. C. Wilcox reported for the committee appointed yesterday to consider the version of the Lord's Prayer in use among us, that a committee of three should be appointed to consider the matter more fully and request the American Board and English Church Missions to appoint similar committees to confer with them, and, if possible, agree on a common version. On motion of M. C. Wilcox the election of such a committee was ordered.

Nominating Committee.—A nominating committee composed of one member from each district was appointed to prepare nominations for the above three committees. The following were appointed as the

nominating committee:—G. B. Smyth, Ling Mi Ing, Ling Ming Ciong, Huong Pau Seng, Ngoi Gi Lang, Dang Seng Ling, and M. C. Wilcox.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented by W. H. Lacy. After being read it was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes. (See Reports).

Woman's Conference—At this point the Woman's Conference was received and Miss R. M. Sites addressed the conference. The reports of the various departments of woman's work were then read as follows:—(See Reports).

1. On Girls Day Schools and Deaconness work in the Foochow District, by Miss R. M. Sites.

2. On the Girl's Boarding School at Foochow, by Miss C. I. Jewell and Miss Julia Bonafield.

3. On the Foochow Woman's School and the Hok-chiang and Hai-dang Day Schools and Biblewomen, by Miss Lydia Trimble.

4. On the Hing-hua City Woman's Work, by Mrs. W. N. Brewster.

5. On Woman's Work in the Hing-hua and Ing-chung Districts, by Miss Julia Bonafield.

6. On the W. F. M. S. Work in the Kucheng District, by Miss Mabel C. Hartford.

7. On the Woman's Hospital at Foochow, by Dr. E. M. Lyon, Miss Ella Johnson and Dr. L. M. Masters.

8. On the Foochow Orphanage, by Mrs. W. H. Lacy.

On motion J. H. Worley and Hü Bö Mi were appointed a committee to convey the greetings of this conference to the Woman's Conference at 3 p.m. to day.

Reports.—Reports were presented as follows:—From the Committee on Temperance by Li Diong Cui, from the Committee on Sabbath Schools by Dang Seng Ling, and from the Mission Press by W. H. Lacy. The first was amended on motion of W. N. Brewster, and all three were then adopted. (See Reports.) The report of the Conference Stewards was read, and it was then referred back for further consideration.

Adjournment.—After various announcements the Doxology was sung, and the conference adjourned with the Benediction by Hü Sing Mi.

SIXTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

FIRST SESSION.

Opening.—The conference met at 8.30, the religious exercises being conducted by Ceng Cong Ming. At 9 o'clock N. Sites took the chair by appointment of the Bishop. The minutes of yesterday's session, both in English and Chinese, were read and approved.

Self-Support.—The report of the committee on Self-support was read, and after some discussion was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Reports.)

The Bishop.—At this point the Bishop took the chair.

Education.—The Committee on Education presented its report which, after the incorporation of an amendment proposed by Sāeng Hok Lieng requesting G. B. Smyth to endeavour to secure, on his return to the United States, some scholarships for poor Christian students wishing to enter the Anglo-Chinese College, was adopted. (See Reports.) It was requested, on motion of U Sieu E, that if enough scholarships were secured at least one should be given to each district for the support of a Christian boy, and the others be divided between the districts according to their membership.

Sabbath Observance.—The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Reports).

Conference Stewards.—The report of the Conference Stewards was read and adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Reports).

Committees.—The Committee on nomination elected yesterday nominated the following persons who were elected,

I.—To Translate the New Discipline.—N. Sites, J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang, Uong Di Gi.

II.—To Prepare a Course of Study for Preachers.—G. B. Smyth, N. Sites, J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang, Uong Di Gi.
This Committee was instructed to invite the Rev. D. W. Nichols to meet with it.

III.—To Revise the Translation of the Lord's Prayer.—G. B. Smyth, J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, Iek Ing Guang, Uong Di Gi.

On motion of G. B. Smyth this committee was authorized to invite the American Board and English Church Missions to appoint committees on the same subject to meet with it.

Petition to the Board of Bishops.—W. N. Brewster and R. L. McNabb presented the following resolutions which were adopted by a rising vote:—

Whereas, after many years of trial we are convinced that the present system of episcopal supervision of our missions in China is unsatisfactory in several respects; therefore,

Resolved,

1. That we petition the Board of Bishops to appoint the same Bishop to visit us for at least two, and if possible, three, successive years.
2. That we request of the Board that the Bishop who presides at the conference have the episcopal supervision through the entire year as in the home conferences.
3. That we request an episcopal visit every year.
4. That we request that the time of holding our conference be invariably in November.
5. That we earnestly beseech the Board to appoint Bishop Mallalieu to return to us next year.
6. That a committee be appointed to memorialize the Board of Bishops in regard to the above requests, stating in full our reasons for making them.

W. N. Brewster and G. B. Smyth were, on motion of Li Diong Cui, appointed a committee to send the above resolutions to the Board of Bishops; and G. B. Smyth was, on motion of Li Diong Cui, requested by a rising vote to present the matter to the Bishops in person when in the United States.

Deaconnesses.—The report of the Committee on Deaconnesses was read by Li Diong Cui, and all of it, except the section containing the course of study, was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. The course of study was referred to the Committee on Course of Study for Preachers for revision.

Fraternal Delegates and Correspondents.—The following were elected to write fraternal letters, and as fraternal delegates, to the various persons and churches mentioned:—

R. L. McNabb to write to the Presbyterian Church at Amoy; M. C. Wilcox and Ding Ung Tieu to write to the Central China M. E. Mission; W. H. Lacy to write to the North China M. E. Mission; N. Sites to write to the West China Mission; Huong Pau Seng to write to the Corea Mission; Ngoi Gi Lang to write to the Japan M. E. Mission; Hü Bö Mi to write to S. L. Baldwin, D.D.; G. S. Miner and Iek Ing Guang delegates to the English Church Mission; J. H. Worley and Hü Sing Mi delegates to the American Board Mission.

Anniversaries.—Ting Dai Liong was elected to preach the Conference Sermon at the Conference of 1893, with Ding Hieng Ngieu as alternate; and Ling Ming Ciong was elected to preach the missionary sermon with Ding Nik Sing as alternate.

Conference Program.—The Missionaries with Sia Sek Ong were elected a committee to prepare the program for the conference of 1893.

Examining Committees.—The same as last year except that J. H. Worley was substituted for G. B. Smyth on the committee to examine candidates for admission on trial.

Second Question.—The second question "Who are Admitted on Trial?" was taken up, and the following brethren, having been properly recommended and passed satisfactory examinations, and having promised to abstain from the use of tabacco and wine were admitted on trial:—

Ding Giu U, Ding Bö Cing, Ding Hie Ung, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Song Hok Ming, Uong Huong Sing, and Ding Cing Seng.

Li Guong Siu.—Li Guong Siu was readmitted on trial.

Song Guong Huo.—Song Guong Huo was, on motion of J. H. Worley, given a supernumerary relation at his own request.

Ling Saeng Lai.—Ling Säeng Lai was referred to the Committee on Conference relations.

Adjournment.—After various announcements the Doxology was sung, and the conference adjourned with the Benediction by R. L. McNabb.

SECOND SESSION.

Opening.—The conference met at 2 p.m., the Bishop in the chair, and prayer was offered by Pang Ding Hie. The minutes of the morning session, both in English and Chinese, were read and approved.

Letter of Greeting.—A letter of Greeting from the Presbyterian Church at Amoy was read by the Chinese Secretary.

Reports.—Reports were presented as follows:—On the Theological School by N. Sites, on the Foochow Boys' Boarding School by Sia Sek Ong, on the Hing-hua Theological School and Boys' Boarding School by R. L. McNabb, on the Anglo-Chinese College by G. B. Smyth; and all were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Reports.)

Publishing Minutes.—On motion of Iek Ing Guang the Secretaries, together with W. H. Lacy, N. Sites, and Uong Di Gi, were appointed a committee to edit the reports and publish the minutes.

Ling Saeng Lai.—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that Ling Säeng Lai be given a supernumerary relation at his own request, and it was so ordered.

Statistical Report.—J. H. Worley read the Statistical Report, and it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. On motion of W. H. Lacy the Committee on Publishing the Minutes was given authority to correct the statistics if corrections were needed.

C. H. Yatman's Book.—Sia Sek Ong called attention to a little book by C. H. Yatman entitled, "Hints on How to Win Souls for Jesus" which had been translated by Miss Ruth M. Sites. He stated that she would present a copy to each member of the conference. The conference, by a rising vote, thanked her for translating the book and for her gift.

The Bishop's Sermon.—Sia Sek Ong stated that J. H. Worley had taken very full notes of the sermon which the Bishop preached to the foreign congregation on Sunday afternoon, and on his motion the conference requested Bro. Worley to preach it in Chinese this evening. He promised to do so.

Memorial Services.—The memorial services were now begun with the singing of the 152nd Hymn, "Going Home," and prayer was offered by J. H. Worley. U Sieu E then read a memorial on Sie Huo Mi, and it was ordered printed in the minutes. The memorials on Uong Ding Hok and Mrs. Sia Lieng Li were not ready, and the committees appointed to prepare them were instructed to have them ready in time to print in the minutes. After singing the 153rd Hymn, the business of the conference was resumed.

Bishop Mallalieu.—R. L. McNabb moved the following which was adopted by a rising vote:—

Resolved, That we are highly gratified with the able and impartial manner in which Bishop Mallalieu has presided over the deliberations of this conference, that we highly appreciate the deep interest he has taken in the work, and that we will try to profit by his timely and wise counsel.

Resolved, That we will beseech the Father of all mercies to watch over the Bishop and his son during the long and dangerous journey that is before them, and that they may safely reach their home and native land.

Resolved, That if the Board of Bishops grant our petition and return Bishop Mallalieu to preside over the next session of the Foochow Conference we will give him a hearty welcome.

Thirty-third Question.—The thirty-third question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was called, and it was voted to hold it in Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow.

Industrial School.—Iek Ing Guang moved that the conference ask that an industrial school be opened in Foochow, and at the suggestion of the Bishop the matter was referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

G. B. Smyth.—Sia Sek Ong said that the English Secretary, G. B. Smyth, had done his work under trying circumstances inasmuch as he had not been well for several months. He also said that he was going home in a few weeks for a short furlough, and he moved that the Conference thank him for his work not only as Secretary but as a Missionary, and pray that God may be with him and speedily restore him to health. The Conference adopted the resolution by a rising vote.

Thanks.—On motion of M. C. Wilcox, the conference, by a rising vote, thanked those who had so kindly entertained the members of the conference and their friends during the session. The Interpreter and the Secretaries were also thanked by a rising vote.

Local Preachers.—On motion of Ding Ung Tieu the Presiding Elders were instructed to prepare a correct list of the Local Preachers for publication in the minutes.

F. Ohlinger.—On motion of Li Diong Cui, N. Sites was requested to write to F. Ohlinger, now in Corea, and request him to send for

translation a book which he formerly used in the Foochow Theological School, and which he called "Diong Dö Chi Huak."

U Sieu E's Tract.—On motion, the Superintendent of the Press was requested to publish a sheet tract, prepared by U Sieu E, containing forms of morning and evening prayers, the ten commandments, and forms of grace at meals; and have it circulated as widely as possible among the children of our church.

D. W. Nichols.—On motion of M. C. Wilcox the conference expressed its pleasure at having Bro. Nichols present during the session, and requested him to convey our fraternal greetings to the missionaries and native Christians of the Central China M. E. Mission.

Mrs. N. Sites.—On motion of Hü Caik Hang, Dr. Sites was requested to write to Mrs. Sites and thank her in the name of the conference for translating into Chinese "The Life of Wesley."

Miss S. M. Bosworth.—The Bishop introduced to the conference Miss S. M. Bosworth, who came to the mission a month ago to teach in the Anglo-Chinese College.

Dr. White.—At the suggestion of the Bishop the conference, by a rising vote, thanked Dr. White, now of New Haven, Conn., U. S. A., one of the early members of the Foochow Mission, for his continued interest in us and our work, and requested him to do what he could toward raising $10,000 to found and equip a medical school at Foochow.

Days of Prayer.—The Bishop requested that the last three days of this year be observed as days of prayer for China.

Adjournment.—After the minutes of the session were read and approved, the Bishop made a brief address in which he thanked the conference for the courtesy with which he had been treated, and said that China was on his heart and that he hoped that the coming year would be the best in our history. The appointments were then read, and the conference adjourned with the Benediction by Sia Sek Ong.

W. F. MALLALIEU,
President.

GEO. B. SMYTH,
Secretary.

IX.—REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

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FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

The past year has seen a genuine awakening in this, our oldest district.

Tieng Ang Dong.—The usual prosperity has continued in Tieng Ang Dong, where assemble our students from the various schools located in Foochow. This circuit now has 164 members and 49 probationers. It is a self-supporting circuit, and in view of the educational interests, no work surpasses in importance the work of this charge.

Cing Sing Dong.—The growth seen in the work of last year, has continued showing an increase in membership of 15 per cent,—her once empty pews are filling and a score of souls have been saved the past year. Christian and heathen boys crowd our day school to its utmost capacity.

Gui-hung.—Gui-hung circuit, our first station in the country, has been for a dozen years most uninviting, but the new interest now springing up gives hope for the future. There has been during the year an increase in membership of 15 per cent, and of probationers 75 per cent. The old members are passing away, reaching the Land of Promise after weary years on the journey. Among the others the altar fires had burned low and dim for many years, but thank God they are being rekindled. The new interest is largely among those who, fifteen or twenty years ago, were baptized in childhood, but who in the interim had forgotten the God of their fathers. We thank God for what our eyes behold, and for the promise that is to a thousand generations of them that love God.

Ming-chiang.—The prosperity reported last year continues. The solid wall of opposition is crumbling, and the great door of opportunity is opening wider and yet more wide. To illustrate—ten years ago, in the Fourteenth Township we rented and were driven out. Last April we again entered, rented a chapel room, and are received with much favorable interest by the people at large, and in the eight months of our sojourn there have been four baptized and ten enrolled as probationers.

In the Sixth Township our substantial new chapel has been completed and is filled every Sabbath. Better than the Church of four walls is the Church established in the hearts of this people.

For over twenty years we rented a chapel in the midst of the great and haughty clan of the Lau family. In all that time they stood aloof and we seemed unable to reach them. Our new chapel is built on the border line between them and the Wong family, and, realizing our value when they lost us, four of the Laus have come among us and are saved, and others are coming.

In many cases persecution has been severe, but our people are more than conquerors through Christ and are emerging from the fires, pure gold—tried in the furnace, and better fitted for usefulness.

Discouragements we often have.

We "sow in tears," yea we many times "go forth with weeping." But thank God He permits us more often to "bring in our sheaves with rejoicing."

NATHAN SITES.

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HAI DANG DISTRICT.

The Hai-dang Island District was organized four years ago. Before that it was part of the Hok-chiang District. The Church there did not grow rapidly at first, but after some years fair progress was made.

Within the bounds of the Hai-dang District there are over four hundred villages, and a population of between sixty and seventy thousand.

Some of the villages are on small islands so that it is often difficult to visit them. For this reason I would request the Bishop to give us more preachers for such places so that the great work of saving the people may go on more rapidly.

At the quarterly meetings of the past year I was greatly pleased to find that the preachers had done their work faithfully.

I regret to say that our people do not always keep as quiet at their meetings as I would like to have them, and they are not very regular attendants at the services of the church. I have tried to remedy both these evils as far as possible, but in some places I have not succeeded as yet.

During the past year sixteen families have united with the church, and several tens of persons have believed the truth. Several chapels have been opened. Preaching services are regularly held, and Sunday Schools are conducted in thirteen places.

In Sang-le a chapel has been built. Of the sum required to build it $250 were subscribed by the native Christians, and $350 were given by the Missionary Society. No other subscriptions have been made worth mentioning. I do not know whether this deficiency is due to the poverty of our people or to a possible failure on the part of the leaders and stewards to discharge properly their duties. I mention this for I greatly desire that all should see to it that in the coming year the subscriptions to the church may be largely increased.

SIA HENG TO.

HING HUA DISTRICT.

In attending the quarterly meetings of the past year it gave me great pleasure to see how faithfully the preachers had done their work. The present is our harvest time. The opportunities for preaching the gospel have been abundant, and many have heard and believed it gladly.

Hing-hua is a large district, and has an immense population. Our preachers are too few. There are in the district two societies, the Black Flag and the White Flag, and when a difficulty of any sort arises between them, much trouble results and the Christians are put to great inconvenience. They are often prevented from attending the services of the Sabbath by the quarrels of these two societies. For this reason many of them have this year requested that chapels be opened in villages where now there are none. Five or six additional preachers ought, I think, to be appointed. There is an old and true saying that "large profits come from large capital." Some circuits which seemed about to die have taken new life and grown rapidly because more laborers were given them. The work of the students of the Foochow Theological School during the past year has been an excellent illustration of this. If more preachers are appointed we may confidently hope that the future will be like a great tree bearing in abundance precious fruit.

Of all the circuits in Hing-hua District, Gieng-sang has subscribed most largely to the pastor's support. This is not because the circumstances of its members are better than those of the members in other places, but because it has had more preachers, and has had the pleasure of seeing them doing their work faithfully. Last year there was only one preacher at Siengiu, but this year it has had three, and the subscriptions of every kind have been increased.

At Ung-sü our people have been persecuted while trying to build a church. At Gie-dieng also the members have suffered, while at Kia-sioh they have allowed themselves to be drawn into law suits.

A new chapel has been built at Kang-bäëk, and we are trying to build one at Tauk-sang. We would like to have a large church in Hing-hua city, and would earnestly request the Committee on Church Building to aid us. Without such a church in the city we shall be put to great inconvenience.

There are boys' and girls' day schools in the district, but our accommodations are so insufficient that we are compelled to refuse many pupils of both sexes who apply for admission. We sincerely hope that money may be given us to build a dormitory for our boys' school in Hing-hua city.

Although the number of new probationers is less than that of last year the number of true converts is greater. Three hundred and eighty-one adults have been baptized, and one hundred and seven children. One hundred and seventy-nine have been converted. Some of the circuits are not in a flourishing condition but I have hope for them.

At every quarterly meeting Bro. Brewster and I were greatly pleased to see how earnestly the brethren had worked. We trust that you will pray for us that we may be better able to meet our responsibilities, and make some recompense to our God for the goodness he has shown us.

LI DIONG CUI.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

The Hok-chiang district has an area of about 1,200 square miles. There are over two thousand church members many of them have not yet experienced a true change of heart. Some of them enter the church on account of sickness or because they are afraid of evil spirits. Many of them take no interest in reading the Bible. Frequently, however, four or five families make up a Bible-reading party to study the sacred book. In one circuit there are six or seven such little companies. These little groups are formed because the church is so far away from their homes that the women and children cannot attend the regular services. If we had more laborers we would have more members, but alas the teachers are few and many of them do not know how to teach. At every quarterly meeting I have tried to impress upon the people the necessity of having men of ability to do this most important work.

In the Hai-kau church there are over fifty members.

The churches at Ngu-cheng, Sing-dong, Sick-gëng, Gong-ing, have prospered, while those at Gëng-giang, A-ü, and Hai-ieu are about as they were last year. The membership at Dëng-aing and Sang-sang has slightly fallen off.

During the year there have been added to the church 113 probationers. The losses by death and dismissal are about the same as those of last year. Except at Dëng-aing and Ngü-kä the subscription to various purposes do not vary much from last year's. Three hundred dollars have been subscribed by the district for the new church which, it is hoped, will be built at Foochow.

It gives me great pleasure to report that a Boys' Boarding School has been opened this year in Hok-chiang city, but I regret to say that owing to the unhealthiness of the location several of the boys have been sick. During the summer they were obliged to study in the chapel. There are sixteen scholars in attendance now and I hope that they will all become good and useful men, willing and able to help the church which is training them now.

HUONG PAU SENG.

ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

The Ing-chung district, during the first quarter of this year, was like a ship suffering in a typhoon at sea. I cannot tell in detail now the trials and difficulties through which it has passed. There have been terrible riots in which some of our chapels have been plundered and destroyed. During the fights between the authorities and the rioters we were constantly hearing the reports of guns. But this was in the first half of the year.

In the third quarter I was delighted to find how our church paper, "The Fokien Christian Advocate," (Ming Seng Huoi Bö) was being read and appreciated by the gentry of the district. Since then we have not heard so many slanders concerning us, and we have had many and good opportunities to preach the truth. Many who were formerly our enemies have become our friends.

Great changes have taken place in this district during the last four years, and they show that in time our church will grow strong and that our cause will prevail.

There have been twelve conversions in the Ing-chung city church during the year. Daik-hua is about as it was last year; there have been only one or two conversions. The church seems too large and is somewhat in the condition of a farmer who fails to take note of his harvest. There is one day school in the circuit, but it does not look like one. The side buildings are leased to wood-sellers who, by the noise they make, trouble us exceedingly. Since the riots three families have accepted the faith at Chiah-cui, and two women have of their own accord unbound their feet. Three have been admitted to the church. At Dai-cheng, owing to the fact that

we built a chapel there, we have suffered persecution for about two years, and two of our members have left us through fear. In the fourth quarter we intended to buy a piece of land somewhere else in order to avoid further trouble. The United States Consul, Dr. Gracey, promised the Diong family that the land we already have at Dai-cheng would be redeemed, but as the whole amount which we paid has not been returned to us, we have not given the land back, and on this account we have suffered severely. Twelve have left the church through fear of persecution and one has been expelled, our condition is much like that of a steamship sailing against the wind. Tö-nguong circuit is enjoying prosperity and some have been admitted on probation. Uang-huo gives us reason to hope. The day school there is the best in the district. At Ngu-bö a day school has been opened which will soon grow much larger than it is now. At Hu-iong our members have slightly increased, but eight have died, and four have turned away from us. A detailed statement of the statistics of the district will be found in the Statistical Tables.

NGOI GI LANG.

IONG BING DISTRICT.

I have served as Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing district two years. It is a great pleasure to be able to report that the Christians there are earnest and zealous. I earnestly hope that God will richly bless them.

Many of the customs which prevail in this district are bad: the people are particularly prone to engage in law-suits. It is a hard field to work.

Ciong-hu-buang is a dead circuit, the members are cold and lifeless. Those at Sek-se-du are about the same, though they have increased their subscriptions to church purposes considerably. At Ngu-sek-du the members are full of zeal and earnestness. Some time ago a couple of old people, aged sixty, were very angry at finding that their son had become a Christian, but not long afterwards they became Christians themselves.

At Sä-gä-kau, a place where the Gospel has been preached for only a short time, there is a young Christian who has suffered all kinds of ill-treatment from his family and friends, but nothing has been able to prevent him from working for the church. He has completely furnished a chapel, and employed at his own expense a preacher, and this in spite of the persecutions to which he has been continually subjected.

Se-sek-ngu-du is also a new station, and we have excellent opportunities of preaching the Gospel there. The brethren have invited Hu Ing Li to come and be their minister. There are ordinarily fifty or sixty attendants at the Sunday services.

There are only about thirty members in the two stations in the Hunguong circuit, but if a man were stationed there regularly we might hope for a large ingathering.

At Sä-gaing and Song-chiong there has been but little change from the condition of last year.

During the year twenty-one adults have been baptized, four have died, and four have been expelled. The complete statistics of the district will be found in the Statistical Tables.

In conclusion I can only earnestly hope that whatever my work next year may be God will help me to do it well.

DAING GIENG ING.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.

With gratitude to the giver of "every good and every perfect gift" I present my fifth annual report of the Kucheng district.

Five years ago this district had 372 members and probationers. Now it has 803—an increase of 431, or 113¼ per cent. The eleven circuits of the district include about fifty towns and villages in which the Gospel is quite regularly proclaimed by our preachers.

Since last conference the work has gone steadily forward. The preachers have, as a rule, labored faithfully and earnestly. In no part of the district has serious opposition been shown, though there have been individual cases of persecution. In one village an aged Christian and his son—an exhorter—were so severely beaten by a fierce enemy of the truth, that for a time the father's life was despaired of. At another place a young man, having become a Christian, was constantly maltreated by his heathen parents and relatives. Nevertheless, at the fourth quarterly meeting he boldly confessed Christ by being baptized and received into the Church. Since that time the virulent hatred of his parents has known no bounds. They have repeatedly beaten him and also deprived him of his Bible and other religious books. When he attempts to go to the chapel, they lock him up until the hour of worship is past. They accused him of being unfilial, which, as is well known, is considered a very serious charge by the Chinese. The victim of persecution in another village is a young married woman, who while attending a mission school became a probationer. In due time she desired to be baptized and received into full membership, but her husband and his parents strongly opposed her. They burnt her Bible and hymn-book and several times beat her severely. Some time after, when some Christian women urged her not to give up worshiping the true God, she dared not reply, but constantly wept.

These few cases show what many of the Chinese have to endure when they renounce idolatry with the accompanying ancestral worship, and embrace Christianity. But God often causes the wrath of man to praise Him. Such persecutions frequently result in an unusual ingathering of converts. Many episodes in the book of Acts and in the life of St. Paul are being re-enacted in this and other mission fields. Special grace is generally granted to these persecuted brothers and sisters, thus enabling them in a worderful degree to follow the example of Him, "Who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously."

Numerous and urgent have been the requests for preachers in places, where, as yet, we have no regular work, but where the good seed of the word has been sown and is springing up. With the means at our command it is impossible to enter a tenth of the "Open doors." Yet our field is constantly widening and I trust that this entire region is gradually being permeated by the Gospel leaven.

At the beginning of this year we opened in Kucheng city a Boys' High School, which has been doing excellent work. The head teacher is a native bachelor of arts, and one of the ablest local preachers in the province.

The boys' day schools on the district have nearly 150 pupils and are, we trust, accomplishing much good.

Now a few words concerning the various circuits:—

Chong-tau has had a much better year than the last. The Gospel has also been preached with success in the neighbouring villages. A more suitable building has been obtained for church and parsonage.

Dio-a has also advanced in all respects.

Dong-huang has not had much prosperity, yet the members are quite zealous and have contributed somewhat liberally for various purposes.

Duai-giang has not greatly prospered, yet some advance has been made.

Ku-de has had another grand year with a large number of accessions. The same has been true of the Liang-nang circuit on which an increased subscription has been made for the purpose of securing an additional preacher.

Loi-hung circuit for more than ten years has had little prosperity. Some obstacle prevents the success of the Lord's work. The two good schools for women and girls afford some ground for hope.

Sek-baik-du had done finely and the Gospel has been successfully preached in many adjacent villages, as well as in some quite distant.

Seng-iong circuit has had moderate prosperity.

Seng-lëng circuit has done fairly well, but the greatest success has been at Gang-kä.

At Kucheng city, the congregations have been greatly increased by the students of the various schools. Quite a number of outsiders also attend the Sunday services. The church has been favoured with more accessions than for many years.

The medical work and the work of the W. F. M. Society will doubtless be reported by those in charge.

M. C. WILCOX.

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X.—REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION.

We note with pleasure that since last Conference Boys' Boarding Schools have been opened at Hing-hua, Ku-cheng, and Hok-chiang, and we hope that soon there will be such a school in every district. We would urge upon all the Presiding Elders and Pastors the great importance of giving attention to the education of our people. The Church of Christ has been the friend of education in every land and we should see to it that every boy and girl in our church has an opportunity of being educated.

In suggesting rules for our guidance during the coming year we would offer a few of those published last year and the year before, and two or three new ones.

1.—The Theological School should have a missionary teacher who would devote his whole time to Biblical instruction.

2.—Whoever wishes to enter the preparatory course in the Theological School should be at least sixteen years of age and should bring a letter of recommendation from his pastor. If, after two years, the Principal and Monitor are satisfied with his progress he should then be allowed to enter upon the full course.

3.—The full course is five years, but if any of special intelligence and high promise wish to remain for further study, it would be well to allow them to remain a year or two for more thorough preparation.

4.—A missionary in charge of a district ought not to pay the quarterly expenses of his day schools until a report of the school signed by the Presiding Elder is submitted to him.

5.—The Theological School and Boarding School building is too small, and we beg the missionaries to plan for a larger place so that no students really desiring to study may be refused admission.

6.—Hereafter no one should be allowed to enter the Theological School unless he brings a church letter from his Pastor to the Pastor of Tieng-Ang Dong.

7.—Those who enter the Theological School should be obliged by the Principal to observe carefully its rules, and devote themselves diligently to study. The graduates of the school will then be men of education, able to write the literary language of the country.

8.—The Theological School should have a Mandarin teacher. The graduates would find a knowledge of the Mandarin dialect of great use to them.

9.—We would urge the Preachers to look out for bright boys in the Day and Boarding Schools and ask their parents to send them to the Anglo-Chinese College. The Preachers should speak to their people about the college and tell them of its work. Thus they will greatly further its interests.

10.—Great care should be taken in the selection of teachers for our schools and in all cases, where other things are equal, preference should be given to Christians.

U SIEU E,
Secretary.

GEO. B. SMYTH,
Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee after careful deliberation think it best to endorse the action of the Conferences of 1888 and 1891, to wit:—

1.—Every preacher should exert himself to follow the rules carefully.

2.—Every Sunday School Superintendent should appoint a certain time in which to teach the teachers of the Sunday School that they may be able to teach their scholars.

3.—The Sunday School Lessons should be printed in sufficient numbers to be distributed to every circuit. In addition, Notes on the Lessons should be published in the *Ming Seng Huoi Bö* to aid the Superintendents in explaining the Lessons.

4.—The Superintendent should put down the names of the scholars and classes so that at every quarterly meeting he may present them to the Presiding Elder to be examined.

5.—Every quarter the Presiding Elder should try to persuade the members to subscribe some money for the use of the Sunday School, so that at the end of the last quarter he may be able to buy some nice things to present to the children of the school.

6.—The different maps of the Bible, such as the maps of Judea, the map of Egypt, the map of the journeys of the Apostles, should be distributed to every Sunday School.

7.—The new and the old rules should be printed and sent to every circuit.

8.—The Old and New Testaments should be sold at a lower price so that every Sunday School may be able to buy either the classical or the colloquial for the scholars to read.

9.—The Preachers should persuade their Sunday School scholars, whether male or female, old or young, to learn the Romanized so that all the members may be able to read the Bible.

10.—The preacher in every circuit, and the teachers of the Sunday Schools should have a Sunday School whether the number of scholars is great or small—even when there is only one.

11.—The Superintendent should arrange the scholars in classes according to age and sex, and the teachers should teach the Bible and other Christian books.

12.—The Superintendent should hold a quarterly examination in what the scholars have read.

To these excellent rules your committee would recommend the addition of the following:—

1. That every Sunday School should be under the supervision of a Sunday School Board consisting of the Preacher in Charge, who shall be chairman, the Sunday School Committee, appointed by the Quarterly Conference, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendents, the Secretaries, the Treasurer, Librarian and Teachers of the School.

2. The business of the Sunday Schools should be transacted according to the Constitution laid down in the discipline.

3. The Presiding Elders should plan to hold Sunday School conventions on their several districts. Three or four contiguous charges could be united so as to hold one convention and thus add numbers as well as interest to the gatherings.

4. Every Sabbath School should have a secretary whose duty shall be to keep an accurate journal of the proceedings.

5. The children of the Sunday Schools should be required to commit to memory the ten commandments in the colloquial dialect.

6. The Romanized colloquial language should be taught in the Sabbath Schools.

LING MI ING,
Secretary.

R. L. MCNABB,
Chairman.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Fuhkien Advocate has been greatly improved during the past year. Rev. G. B. Smyth has done excellent work as its editor and we ask that he be reappointed to this work for the coming year. We would again urge that every preacher contribute articles and items of news and thus help to increase the value of the paper.

The Child's Paper is greatly appreciated and we recommend that it be enlarged by the addition of a few pages. We request the teachers of our girl's schools and our students to write for the paper and thus make it more beneficial to the readers.

We congratulate the conference that the Classical edition of the Life of Wesley has recently been issued. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Sites for her labor on this work and we urge the coöperation of every preacher in circulating this book among all our members.

The North Fuhkien Tract Society under the patronage of the three missions has commenced its work and large numbers of tracts are being issued at greatly reduced prices.

The committee would emphasize the suggestions of the Bishop and urge all our preachers to make large purchases of tracts, while here, for use in their work.

It is very desirable that every district have a colporteur so that our preachers may all be supplied with the books they need.

The Sunday School lesson notes, as prepared the past year, are highly satisfactory and we ask that the same plan be continued.

We further recommend that sheet tracts be provided containing the "Ten Commandments," "Apostles Creed" and the "Lord's Prayer" in colloquial, and that certificates of baptism be issued.

We request that the 1892 edition of the discipline be translated and published as soon as possible.

WM. H. LACY,
Chairman.

DING HIENG NGIEU,
Secretary.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would respectfully report as follows:—

1.—Whoever wishes to be received on trial in the conference should give up the use of wine and tobacco before applying for admission. If, after promising to abstain, a man resume these habits he should be discontinued.

2.—Those who in former years joined the conference ought, as soon as possible, to give up the use of wine and tobacco for the sake of their example before their younger brethren.

3.—District and quarterly conferences should be satisfied that candidates for admission on trial at the annual conference are free from the use of tobacco and wine before recommending them.

4.—Every preacher should frequently instruct his people as to the danger of using wine, tobacco, and opium, and should earnestly exhort everyone wholly to abstain from the use of them.

5.—No student in our Theological Schools should be allowed to use opium, wine, or tobacco, and the conference should specially request those in charge of these schools to see that this recommendation is rigidly enforced.

LI DIONG CUI,
Secretary.

M. C. WILCOX,
Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your committee wish to call the attention of the conference to the excellent recommendations found in the minutes of the last four sessions on this important subject.

Our bishop has emphasized the importance of this subject to Christians. We also read in the life of Wesley the value of this day. In the rules concerning the deportment of preachers we find that they should fill this day with evangelistic work. If they do their best in instructing the members and leading them nearer to our Lord, we feel sure the members will sacredly regard the Sabbath.

To observe the Sabbath is to obey God's commandment and secure a day of blessing. Every pastor should carefully explain to the members the importance of observing this day.

In creating things for men God ordained the Sabbath as one of the greatest blessings. It is a benefit to the body as well as the soul, for the health of man will be injured unless he has this day of rest. For instance, a horse will die in less than ten years if it be made to labor incessantly. Western countries have developed rapidly by observing God's word. If we observe the Sabbath we shall not be called idle. There is much we can do on this day in the service of God. Not only may we enjoy the regular services in the chapel but the members should go with the preacher to hold Gospel services in outside villages and should hold prayer meetings in their own houses.

N. SITES,
Chairman.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Your committee on self-support has carefully considered the subject and finds that the enactments of last year have, in part, been heeded on some charges but not on all, and we urge the delinquents to act upon and carry out this report.

1.—We find that the Missionaries and Presiding Elders on the Hing-hua District urge the pastors to exert their utmost strength in doing their work and this has inspired the members to contribute. The scale of $4.00 for pastor, $2.00 for wife, and $1.00 for each child per month has been reached and we request that all follow their example.

2.—We recommend that the above scale of preachers' salary be adopted by the conference and whenever the pastor is so acceptable to the people that they pay him more than this amount, let him have the whole amount raised; if this scale is not reached by the people let the missionary society make up the deficiency, unless the pastor is inefficient, in which case let him be refered to the committee on conference relations.

3.—In no case should the efficient pastor or presiding elder receive less than the amount mentioned above and they should be required to devote their whole time to the work of saving souls and not be allowed to engage in secular pursuits.

4.—Whenever a circuit is thought to be able to support its pastor or pastors, the missionary in charge and presiding elder should carefully investigate and make it self-supporting if possible.

5.—Let all self-supporting charges pay the full amount and then, if they wish, they may choose their pastor, and if there is no good reason to the contrary, let the Bishop so appoint.

6.—Let the missionaries, presiding elders, pastors, and members put forth every effort and pray to God without ceasing that thousands of precious souls may be garnered this conference year.

G. S. MINER,
Chairman.

IEK ING GUANG,
Secretary.

XI.—MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

GEO. B. SMYTH, *President.*

I rejoice in that I have another opportunity of presenting to the Conference another report on the Anglo-Chinese College. It is now ten years since I began work in the College and my connection with it during all this time has been a source of great pleasure to me. It may be that this will be the last time I shall represent it, not because it is about to close, for there is no fear of that, but because during the last eight months my health has been so precarious that I may not be able to maintain my connection with it.

In spite of my poor health, however, the past year has in some respects been the best in its history. The missionary society has treated us generously. On the 1st of January the Rev. G. S. Miner came to us, and a month ago Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, both sent especially to work in the College. Mr. Miner has devoted his whole time to the School, and given himself to his work with enthusiasm. He has charge especially of the scientific department. Miss Bosworth has been a most valuable accession. She came to us an experienced teacher, trained in the best methods now in vogue in the schools in America. Already she has made her presence felt and endeared herself greatly to the students. Mr. Miner brought another teacher with him when he came,—Mrs. Miner, for she too has taken part in our work, teaching an hour and a half each day.

The year opened well. Just before the last new year's vacation I published an illustrated catalogue of the College in Chinese, which, being circulated widely, made the College much better known than it had previously been. One result was a larger entering class than we had had for some years before. Thirty new students entered, some of them boys of much intelligence and promise. There were 81 students present the first term. There are present now, in the second term, seventy-three. The number at the close of the year is always less than at the beginning. Some leave to enter positions, while others go away for other reasons.

There have been but few cases calling for serious discipline. Indeed when I consider how many students we have, from what places and from what different circumstances they come I think their conduct on the whole is exceedingly satisfactory, and the task of governing them not as hard as

might be expected. The new boys always need some discipline, sometimes pretty severe, before they are brought into full accord with our rules, but this is not to be wondered at seeing that most of them come up from native schools in which there are scarcely any rules, or rules so different that entering the College is like entering a new world. For this reason it has been unfortunate that while I have not been well myself our old and faithful monitor, Mr. Ding Heng Mi, has also been in such poor health that he has felt compelled to resign. I regret the necessity for his resignation exceedingly, for he possessed in an unusual degree the qualities most needed in a man holding his position. In parting with him I take this opportunity of bearing testimony to the thoroughness with which his work has been done, and to the very great regret which his leaving causes us.

I am glad to be able to say that during the year there have been no cases of serious illness; indeed the students have on the whole enjoyed better health than in any of the four or five years preceding. For assiduous attention to those who have been sick we are under great obligations to the attending physician, Dr. Thomas Rennie.

At the beginning of this term we lost two boys because I told them they would have to spend three half hours a week in a Bible class. They refused and had to leave. I am happy to say that though we have many boys who are not Christians yet, with these two exceptions, neither they nor their parents object to the religious exercises of the school. It is well known that the College is a Christian College, and that we will not hide our principles or deny them. Every father who sends his son to us knows what he is sending him to. Besides the regular morning and evening prayers, and the Sunday morning service which all are obliged to attend, we have a Young Men's Christian Association under the leadership of Mr. Miner, which meets every Sunday afternoon. The best students in the College are members of it and some of them are very earnest Christians During the year some of the students left to take positions in various places. Two went to the Eastern Telegraph Co. and one to the National Bank at Amoy. Three of the graduates of the class of 1891 have obtained excellent positions. One of them, U Iok Hang entered the Customs service at Canton a couple of months ago, while for the other two, Sia Tieng I and Ling Gie Huong, I have just obtained positions as interpreters for the English government at Singapore. All the graduates of that year have now found their work. One of them, Ding Hie Ung, you have just taken into this Conference. A former student of mine for many years it is indeed a joy to me to welcome him to the ministry of the Gospel. Some thought these young men were foolish to stay at school so long, but it is true now as it always will be that, as a rule, those who persevere and complete the course will in the end do best.

There is much more that might be said but I fear that this report is too long already. The work of the College is an important one, and not always easy. Fortunately I have colleagues who are thoroughly interested

in it, and who have in thought and work been one with me in every effort to accomplish and improve it. I will mention them here as their devotion to their work, often under trying circumstances, deserves recognition and gratitude from all who are interested in the College, Mrs. Smyth, Rev. W. H. Lacy, Mrs. Lacy, Rev. G. S. Miner, Mrs. Miner, Miss Sadie M. Bosworth. Lest any of you should think that this is too large a number of foreigners to work in this school please remember that some of us have a great deal of other work to attend to. Mr. Lacy is Superintendent of the Press, Mrs. Lacy has charge of the orphan girls in care of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and I am myself Editor of The Fokien Christian Advocate and Treasurer of the Mission. The whole time therefore of those whose names are on the list of teachers cannot be given to this work. I must not forget to mention our two Chinese Assistant teachers in English, Ding Maing Ing and Sia Tieng I, both of whom have done their work faithfully. Of the other teachers I am especially indebted to Mr. Lau Sing Hiong, who in addition to teaching has been acting monitor during the whole of the present term.

In closing let me again ask you, as I have often asked before, to remember that you can help us much. You can tell others what the College is and does, you can speak a good word for it when you see a bright lad who ought to have an education, you ought to urge his parents to send him to it. I know that there are many bright boys in our church whose parents are too poor to support them here but I shall try when I am at home to make some provision which will enable such boys to come and study here if you will find them. I hope the time will soon come when no boy who really desires to study need be turned away from the doors of this school.

I know that at times parents are discouraged and say that there are not many opportunities as yet in China for young men with such an education as this College gives, but the opportunities are increasing. China needs just such men as we can train here, and those who thoroughly prepare themselves will find good work of some kind awaiting them. The Church needs them. There is a great work for Christ which Christian young men trained here can do. They can do it wherever they are, but I long to see more of them enter the direct service of the Church either as Ministers of the Gospel, as teachers in Schools or as translators or writers of Christian books. What an immense work they might do in translating into Chinese some of the vast number of books which are found in English, illustrating and explaining the Bible and the life and manners of those countries of the west whose civilization is based on it. What greater work could a young man do in China than interpret to his people the life and civilization of Christian lands. I long to see such men graduating from this College.

But I must close. This, brethren, may be my last report to you and I trust that on this account you will excuse its length. My health is at

present so poor that I know not what the end may be, but whether I return or not my heart will always be with you and with this work. For ten years my work has been almost entirely in the College, I have often been discouraged, often felt like giving up, but I shall always think with pleasure of the time that I gave to it. Many of the young men who have gone out from it are a great joy to me. My relations with teachers and scholars have been delightful. In less than a couple of months I shall leave here, hoping to return within the year, but God alone knows what my future will be. Think of me while I am away, and pray that I may be so restored in health as to be able soon to return to the work in which I have been engaged so long and which I love so much.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

NATHAN SITES, *Dean.*

The one great object of this school is to bring the knowledge of Christ the Saviour fully before this people. In planning how best to evangelize this vast empire we cannot afford to overlook the high estimate the Chinese place upon learning.

If in attempting the work of this school its leaders and directors are indifferent to high scholarship, our students also become indifferent, and though we may have a course of study covering five full years, yet in both our native classics and our Biblical instruction the results will be unsatisfactory. We are especially desirous, therefore, that this Annual Conference suggest plans and methods, by which a higher standard may be established, and better work done.

If feasible, we consider it advisable, that some missionary give to this school his undivided attention.

We ask that the Conference aid in selecting for it the best teachers possible. We urge you preachers, to be on the alert for promising students, and see that such be sent up for instruction. If necessary let the term of years be lengthened, and a fuller course of study be prepared.

In all of its interests we ask you of this Conference to look upon this school as your own, to be made by your efforts a source of usefulness to our church in China, and of great glory to God the Father.

Year by year our students have gone forth from us, entering the Conference, to hold in it high places of usefulness—and in this, we have the best evidence of the success of our institution.

But we still see much room for improvement and faith makes the present, but a shadow of the things to be. With educated Christian talent the Gospel will reach the higher and middle classes, as never before. For the coming of this we daily pray.

FOOCHOW BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

SIA SEK ONG, *Principal.*

This school although the smallest of our schools here, is not the least in importance. We express our thanks to Infinite Grace, that it has been more prosperous during the past year than ever before. Owing to the limited capacity of our school rooms we were obliged to use the church for one class and also to refuse the applications of many parents, who were eager to send their sons to us for education and training. Forty-four students have been enrolled, the most of whom are Christians and some of these have assisted the theological students in holding meetings and preaching to the heathen.

A five years course of study has been adopted which includes, besides the native books, the Bible, Catechism and Geography. Daily instruction in the Bible is given and all students are required to attend Sunday morning church services. A goodly number of our students enter the theological school and Anglo-Chinese College and with broadened facilities, which are near at hand, we trust, this branch of our school work will be a still greater power.

THE HING-HUA EDUCATIONAL WORK.

In making this, my first annual report, to the Foochow Conference, of the "Hing-hua Educational Work" I take pleasure in saying that the work done in the Boy's Day Schools and the preliminary arrangements carried forward under the direction of Bro. Brewster greatly aided in opening and developing the schools for the higher education of the youth of Hing-hua.

1. The Hing-hua Theological School.—This youthful "School of the Prophets" opened its first regular session Feb. 16th, 1892. Its present quarters are an old native building that rents for $9 a year. This house is small and otherwise ill adapted for school purposes. 12 young men have been studying in the school this year. The missionary appropriation provided for only four students, but I am glad to say that our friends have come to our assistance and we have received subscriptions and cash enough to provide for the other 8. Rev. Ding Cing Guang, who is considered one of the best native scholars in Hing-hua, is instructer in the native books. Bro. and Sister Brewster, Mrs. McNabb, Rev. Li Diong Cui, and Rev. Ling Ming Ciong have proved to be worthy counselors and teachers. The students have done excellent work on both school and evangelistic lines. During the two months vacation the past summer, they did superior Christian work by assisting pastors of large circuits or preaching in neglected neighborhoods. More than 100 souls were added to the church through their

instrumentality; one reported as high as 40 additions. Our great need is a good theological-school building.

2. The Hing-hua Boy's Boarding School.—The 30 boys who have been crowded into this school have, as a general rule, done good work. A few of them have not been as proficient as we would like. Mrs. Brewster loaned us the use of her personal teacher, Rev. Ding Ung Sü, who acted as monitor of the school during the first term of the year. During the summer a degree man by the name of Ling Ging Ci was converted and united with the church. This event gave us an opportunity to secure an instructor of higher literary attainments, which we were not slow to improve. Ling Ging Ci was appointed head-teacher in the Boys' Boarding School instead of Rev. Ding Ung Sü. We also secured Ieu Ging Ung as assistant teacher in this school. The students are all self-supporting, except 8 sons of preachers, who receive 50 cents a piece each month. Instruction is given in both native and Christian books and we hope ere long to have the western sciences taught in the school. The moral tone of the school is good. The students not only attend the regular church services but hold religious services of their own conducted by one of their numbers. A number of the boys have been converted during the year.

3. Financial out look.—The total expenses of the Hing-hua Theological and Boys' Boarding Schools for the calendar year will be about $530. This includes native teachers salaries, scholarships, rent, furniture, books, &c. The total appropriation for both schools was $200. We have received on subscriptions and by cash about $200. The subscriptions we think are good, which will leave about $130 unprovided for.

R. L. McNABB,
Missionary in charge.

FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.

WM. H. LACY, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Foochow Mission Press has enjoyed its usual prosperity during the past year. A larger amount of work has been done to meet local demands than heretofore, but the aggregate of work done, amounting to over thirteen million pages, is not much in excess of last year. This is due to the fact that the North China Agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for which we have annually filled large orders and last year printed three and a half million pages, has been discontinued and all their work centralized at Shanghai.

About $700 have been expended in improved machinery, type, &c. A rapid running Liberty Job Press has just been received which will enable us to do a better class of work and do it more economically. A large fount of type for Romanized work has been purchased and we are now printing the Scriptures in the Romanized Hing-hua dialect.

That this work may be more expeditiously done I have consented to open a branch office at Hing-hua. Arrangements are now about completed and in a few days a competent printer will go there to take charge of the press and carry on this branch of our work.

The Fuhkien Advocate.

In response to the request of the conference, arrangements have been made for a more rapid distribution of the Advocates throughout five of the districts. As the number of subscribers increases these facilities will be improved.

The character of the paper has been greatly improved under the editorship of Rev. G. B. Smyth and his associate Dr. Sia Sek Ong. If the preachers of the conference will exert themselves for the circulation of the paper, as much as the editors do that it may be worthy of patronage, its circulation will be largely increased.

The Child's Paper.

The circulation of this little paper has increased nearly 50 per cent during the year. We are making special efforts to secure illustrations for it, and if the pastors will bring it to the notice of the members its subscribers will rapidly multiply, as its simple colloquial style is eary to be understood by the many who are unable to read the classical papers.

In consequence of my illness and absence from Foochow for the last four months I have not been able to prepare statistics as to the amount of literature circulated during the year nor to take stock of the books now in the depository.

Printing done.

The work of the Press during the past year may be summarized as follows:—

	Volumes.	Pages.
Scriptures	34,700	4,039,800
Books: Tracts, etc.	160,867	8,736,305
Sheets: „ „	—	250,159
	195,567	13,026,264

Of this amount we have printed for our Methodist Societies as follows:—

	Volumes.	Pages.
M. E. Tract Society Books...	30,190	1,522,485
Sheets: tracts, &c.	—	149,600
	30,190	1,672,085

M. E. Sunday School Union		
Books	17,227	427,120
Sheets	—	28,000
	17,227	455,120

These figures are much smaller this year than heretofore because many of the publications formerly issued by the Methodist Tract Society have been republished under the auspices of our North Fuhkien Union Tract Society for which we have printed about two and a half million pages.

BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

The Conference Board of Deaconesses recommend the following rules for the regulation of the work of Deaconesses within the bounds of the Foochow Conference.

1.—All candidates for Deaconess Certificates must pursue a four years course of study. The examinations in the studies of the first three years shall be held at the District Conferences, but all candidates in the studies of the fourth year must pass their examination at the session of the Annual Conference.

2.—The Board of Deaconesses shall have the right of granting Deaconess Certificates, upon the recommendation of the Annual Conference, to such persons as meet with the following requirements: they shall give evidence of a special fitness for this work; they shall have passed the examinations in the four years course of study; they shall have been on trial as candidates for the certificate for four years; they shall be at least thirty years of age.

3.—All Deaconesses shall pursue a four years course of study after receiving certificates. If their work is satisfactory and they pass in their studies, the Board shall annually sign their certificates for four years, after which no examinations shall be required.

4.—Every Deaconess shall give five days a week to her work. Of these days two hours should be given to study and four to outside work. If her work be among near neighbors, two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon might be given to the work. If the work is at a distence, four hours in either morning or afternoon should be given to it.

5.—The work of a Deaconess includes the following duties: To instruct and help the poor; to care for and comfort the sick; to visit and pray with those who are about to die; to kindly look after the fatherless; to seek out and assist the "lost sheep;" to comfort those who are in distress; to save sinners. Every Deaconess should devote her whole energies to these lines of work, giving her heart to no other thing.

XII.—MEMORIALS.

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MEMORIAL OF Rev. SIE HUO MI

Prepared by

Rev. U Siu E and Rev. Ding Hieng Ngieu.

Rev. Sie Huo Mi was born in the village of Sä Hua in the Hok-chiang district. He was of a quiet, even temperament, and intensely fond of reading. He was especially devoted to novels, and until he heard the Gospel was satisfied with them to the exclusion of all other literature. But when the message of salvation reached him, he seemed as one awakened from a dream. He repented of the past wasted time, and cast aside his light literature and all attendant follies, as truly as, in days of old in order to be a follower of Christ, one left his place at the "receipt of customs," and another cast away his fish nets.

In 1870 he was made a traveling preacher and in the twenty years of service which followed, he was ever faithful and never indolent. He was respected and loved by every member of our conference.

At the March conference of 1891, he was appointed to Sing-dong in the Hok-chiang district. Not long after entering upon his work here he unexpectedly had a severe hemorrhage of the stomach, and later was unable to retain any food. The skill of physicians, and remedies taken proved of little avail, and at the conference held in the fall of 1891, he was placed upon the superannuate list and moved back with his family to his native place.

Though enfeebled by age and disease Bro. Sie longed to work for the Master, even till his last day.

I, U Siu E, frequently visited him, and as I saw his wasted frame, I realized that indeed the day of his departure was near at hand. I therefore asked him, "Is your soul peaceful and at rest?" He replied, "My body is indeed worn with suffering, but my heart constantly rejoices, for I am almost Home, my dwelling here is almost over."

Even while speaking these words his soul was filled with rapture, as though already he could see beyond the river of death, and realize the joys that awaited him.

He lingered till ten o'clock on the morning of Feb. 4, when in peace he ended this life at the age of 67 years.

The evening before his death, he, with his wife, was looking over their money. Handing it to her he said, "Use this money to relieve the suffering of the people about you, and forget not this my injunction."

Not till this late hour did Mr. Sie realize the uncertainty of riches; but it is well at all times to plan for their use, so that they may benefit the greatest possible number.

MEMORIAL OF Rev. UONG DING HOK

Prepared by

Rev. Sia Sek Ong.

Rev. Uong Ding Hok was born at U-tau in the Sixth Township of Ming-chiang district. His father and mother both died when he was but a few years old and he was left to the care of an uncle who, when Ding Hok was thirteen years of age, brought him to Foochow, and entered him as a pupil of the Boys High School. While a student here, he was converted and baptized by Rev. Dr. S. L. Baldwin.

Three years later he had proved himself so earnest and active as a Christian youth that he was recommended by the Tieng Ang Dong Quarterly Conference to enter the School of Theology, and prepared for the ministry.

After four years of study, his sermons showed good thought well expressed, his deportment was excellent, and immediately upon his graduation he was sent as preacher on trial to serve in the Hok-chiang District.

Three years later, at the age of twenty-three he was received as a member of Conference, and appoined to Hok-chiang city. Here he found a field of "stony ground," yet with faithful work he saw twenty converted during the three years of his pastorate. Rev. Hü Iong Mi, and Rev. Iek Ing Guang, his Presiding Elders, testify to his earnest efforts in this place.

His next appointment was to Dak-kau in the Fifth Township, Ming-chiang district, where the first year he led from ten to fifteen souls to Christ. Though the converts were not many, the sound of his voice carrying the Gospel message reached the ears of many people.

The following year he had a severe hemorrhage, from the immediate effects of which he recovered, but which left lasting weakness through his system; and the following Conference he entered a petition asking to be placed temporarily on the Supernumerary list.

When thirty years of age he was to a great degree restored and thought to re-enter the ranks of regular workers. His petition was granted and he was appointed teacher of Bible in the School of Theology. He rejoiced to be again among the workers, and entered heartily and successfully his teaching.

He at this time said "I feel now, that I am putting to the highest possible use, all I have myself learned, both from books and from experience."

About the middle of January last, he took a heavy cold, but little thought how serious it would prove. At half past four o'clock on Sabbath morning February 7th he became much worse and hemorrhage set in. Shortly after five o'clock his life closed, in peace and joy in the Saviour. He leaves his wife and two little sons who mourn the lose of a devoted husband and father. He spoke, at the last, no word of plan for the future of his family. Long before the last trying hours were at hand, he had entrusted them to the care of his All-loving and All-mighty Father.

MEMORIAL OF Mrs. SIA LIENG LI.

Mrs. Sia Lieng Li was the daughter of poor parents, and when still very young the death of her mother left her with none to counsel and instruct.

When married to Mr. Sia, she accepted his religion and became an earnest Christian, helping in her quiet sphere all his efforts to preach the Gospel.

For over twenty years she served with him, as at different places he preached. Their appointments sent them successively to Hok-chiang, Puo-dieng, Sieng-iu, Ing-chung, Daik-hua, Dai-cheng, and other posts, and in each it might be said of these faithful workers, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that bring good tidings that publish peace". Brother Sia labored, but who can say how much of his success was due to the efficient assistance of his wife.

We mourn with him in his loss, and pray the God of all comfort to sustain him.

XIII.—W. F. M. S. REPORTS.

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FOOCHOW GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

During this conference year the Lord has been very good to us in giving us life and health and strength. There has been no serious illness at school, either among teachers or scholars. (One of our little day scholars, though not attending school at the time, was sick at her own home, last spring, and went to the "Better Home" after a few hours illness.)

For the Spring Term our enrollment was 74. For this Fall Term, 73, while several have been held back until next term. We *tried* to keep our enrollment *down*, because the building of a new school-house made so much extra work, without having many new scholars to care for. You see how we have succeeded.

Our enrollment for the whole conference year has been 93, 69 of these were boarders, 24 were day-scholars. All but 4 of the boarders were from Christian families. Of the day-scholars, 11 were from Christian families. 36 are church-members, and 4 are probationers ; 8 have joined during the year. All the girls, from the first class down through the fifth, are either full members or probationers.

The most of the students have done very well, both in their studies and house work.

We have had some discouragements to meet, some hard things to decide. But our trust has been in God, and He has led us safely through. Now, there seems such a good spirit of helpfulness and earnestness among the girls, that our heart rejoice from day to day, as we see how hard they are trying to do and be just what we desire, what we believe God wants them to be.

The religious meetings at school have been held as usual, during the year. We know that these meetings are of great benefit to our scholars, in strengthening their Christian faith, and in training them to do their part in making such meetings profitable.

We have four teachers, a matron, and two women to help with the work. Of the present teachers, two are students who teach half the day, study the other half. They are careful, earnest girls, and we are much pleased that they can give us such help. The girl teacher who has been with us over two years, Miss Hü Sëük Eng, is, as we say in America, "a born teacher." We do not see how we could do without her, and feel that she deserves this tribute of praise.

Indeed, all who work with us are true helpers, and do their work for Christ's sake, and the benefit of our scholars, not for money only. While our gentleman teacher, Mr. Ling, has not the knowledge of the Bible that we wish he had, he is an earnest, warm-hearted Christian, and a blessing to our school in Christian life and influence.

When we asked Miss Trimble for our present matron, then studying in her school, she answered us, "She is my best one;" and we have found her very earnest and anxious to do just the best way.

The regular class work has been carried on as usual. Good work has been done, in almost every study, and good results obtained. Mrs. Worley and Pastor Iek have each taught one class this term, and we are very grateful for their assistance and good work.

Because of Miss Sites' illness, the work in instrumental music has been interrupted; but we hope this can be planned for very soon.

Our school work is planned for three, five and eight year courses. The full course comprises three lines of study:—

1.—Regular, daily instruction in the Bible and Christian books, through the whole course.

2.—A line of study which includes Chinese Readers, Romanized Chinese, Arithmetic, Geography, Astronomy and Physiology.

3.—A course in the Chinese Classics, including writing of the characters and prose and poetical compositions.

Instruction is given, also, in English, Music and Gymnastics.

We shall add higher branches to these, just so soon as we can keep our students long enough to do so.

Last March, plans were begun for the building of a new school-house at Tai-Maiu. That school-house is now in process of construction; and we shall be glad if you can all see what has been accomplished, before you leave Foochow. When this is finished, we shall have accommodations for eighty boarders and at least twenty day-scholars. But we are not so anxious to see our school grow in numbers, as to see it grow in efficiency and influence. Let your girls study at least three years in the day-schools, *first*. Then send us the brightest ones, and let us train them for eight years.

We want that this school should be a power for good throughout this Conference. We have a holy desire that it should become famous for the good it does; for the souls it saves. We want that it should send out trained teachers, trained workers, who shall help to kindle many bright lights in China's darkened homes.

We can have no better motto than one given by Miss Cushman, of North China: "Christian mothers for China's homes." We believe the school has been doing this kind of work. We ask your prayers and interest that it may do this yet more and more efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE I. JEWELL.
JULIA BONAFIELD.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT

DAY SCHOOL AND DEACONESS WORK.

By appointment of last conference I was put in charge of the Day Schools of this district, including work in Foochow and in Ming-chiang.

In Foochow we have had five schools, and in Ming-chiang three, making a total of eight schools and one hundred and thirty-three pupils, of whom but few are from Christian homes.

In all but two of these schools the usual system of money rewards has been observed. But in two we have tried the experiment of presenting those who passed their examinations, a small gift, and are rejoiced to find the children better satisfied, than when paid a stipulated amount for each book. One of these schools is at Muoi-o taught by Mrs. Hü Caik Düng. She has fifteen pupils, who in place of receiving money rewards are permitted to spend one third their time on the native classics. This so pleases the parents that they make no objection to their girls attending a Christian school.

The second experimental school is at Lu-loi, a large heathen village in which no ray of Gospel light had ever entered till Miss Hartford bore it there last year. After the first gleam of light the people begged for more, and entreated that some one be sent to teach them. So we sent an experienced worker to open a girls' school, and a Biblewoman as her companion. Knowing nothing of our systems and methods the people had no thought of receiving rewards, but on the other hand exclaimed over and over at the strange kindness, which brought a *foreigner* among them, and made her willing to furnish free of cost to them, a school and teacher for their girls.

In this school only Christian books are taught, and as I handed to each successful scholar a fan and a lead pencil and a fancy bright card, more real pleasure beamed from their faces than ever I saw when delivering money rewards. This school has an average of eighteen in attendance.

The other schools in Foochow, one at East Street, one near Cing-Sing Dong and one at A-do, are doing well and have full attendance. The City school was slow re-opening after Chinese New Year, so slow in fact, that we feared it might not revive, but owing to the earnest efforts of the pastor and its teachers, it is now one of our most flourishing.

In Ming-chiang we have but three schools, and these are not large, owing to the new industry, weaving, which is spreading among the people of this district, and by which, as many parents have told me, their daughters could earn better wages than by reading Christian books.

Nevertheless good faithful work has been done by those who do attend, and also by their teachers.

Two Biblewomen have been at work under my direction, during the past year. One at Cing-Sing Dong, reports over a thousand who have

heard the Gospel from her lips. Of this number several hundred have been sufficiently interested to attend church at least once or twice, but only seven have perservered, and overcoming all obstacles have united with the Church.

My other Biblewoman, as mentioned above, accompanied the day school teacher to Lu-loi, where she worked faithfully, daily preaching from house to house, and to the crowds who came to see the school. We especially thank God for the success of our efforts in this new field, but the way is now opened, and we earnestly hope the church at large will enter the door already opened before them; for hungry, thirsty souls, are there, asking for the Bread and Water of Life. The time has come when regular services should be held and a church established; the people are ready, and we ask for the preacher.

My conference appointment of last year also read, "Music in the Schools." This has proved a pleasant part of my work, and the progress made by almost every pupil taking organ lessons has been most encouraging. In the various schools singing lessons were given during the first and second terms, and besides hymns we learned a number of anthems and choruses for use at the Christmas and Easter services.

The last term, I have done nothing in this department. The year has not been without its clouds, but there has been so much of sunshine, that we thank Him who withholdeth no good thing, for each experience He has permitted, and with deeper consecration, and more undivided love, we have sung all along the way,

"One more day's work for Jesus,
How sweet the work has been
To tell the story—To show the glory
Where Christ's flock enter in.
....Lord if I may,
I'll serve another day."

RUTH MARIE SITES.

HING-HUA CITY WOMAN'S WORK.

The year on this circuit has been one of blessing. We have asked and received great blessings of God.

Evangelistic Work.—The general evangelistic work has been done by Mrs. Ding, assisted each day by one of the women from the Woman's School, from the class there preparing for such work.

Many hundreds of heathen women have been told of Jesus. The homes of the Christians have been visited and the women prayed with. Personally we have kept up a prayer-meeting for the women at one of our village chapels, each Sunday afternoon. We have also visited some in both the city and villages.

Day School.—We have on the city circuit one day school in the east-gate village. It is taught by Mrs. Dang Liek Lieng. 18 pupils were enrolled. We often visited the school and instructed the children in the way of salvation. They took great interest in our Sunday afternoon meetings. There were three girls baptized.

Juliet Turner Memorial School for Women.—After Chinese New Year we received the old pupils in the old building, but so improved that its oldest friends could not recognize it.

Twenty-three pupils old and new entered. In work they were diligent and received highest commendation from the Examining Committee of preachers.

We had in our church, a week of special revival services, about the middle of May, which were greatly blessed to the women. We have entered on a new term with 20 women enrolled.

Mrs. Ling Ming Ciong and Mrs. Li Diong Cui are the native teachers. To their faithful and efficient labor is due the progress in studies.

Hamilton Boarding School for Girls.—This is a new name in our list of work and stands for the fulfillment of long cherished hopes and the answer to many prayers. In February we opened this school. We enrolled 81 pupils.

Mrs. Uong Ciong Di is one of our teachers. She is well fitted for this work by her knowledge of Christian and native books. She is a good teacher. She has as an efficient associate, Mrs. Iong Gie Saeng. This term we enrolled 37 girls.

Last term one of the girls, an earnest Christian, was taken from the school by heathen friends and compelled to marry the brother of her deceased betrothed husband. May God sustain her.

Good work, obedience and a loving spirit have been evidences of Christian training in their homes and personal trust in God. From the beginning of our school good work and good behavior have characterized the school.

There were quite a number of conversions among our girls in our Junior Epworth League meetings and in our revival meetings. Five girls were baptized by Bishop Mallalieu.

We require pupils entering our school to pass an entrance examination. We make exceptions in the case of girls who are 15 or 16 years old and have never had an opportunity of attending a day school.

Mrs. McNabb arrived in Hing-hua last January. She has been diligently studying the language. She has given assistance as she had opportunity in all departments of the work.

For all God's blessings and all the help given in the work we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH FISHER BREWSTER.

November 15, 1892.

FOOCHOW WOMAN'S SCHOOL,

also the Hok-chiang and Hai-tang Day Schools and Biblewomen.

Foochow Woman's School.—The first term opened with seventeen students. In about a month one of the women left us to become matron in the Girls' Boarding School, another returned home, leaving us but fifteen for most of the term. We are glad to report the women as very faithful students, eager to learn, earnest in their Christian lives, and glad to do house to house visting imparting of their knowledge to others. The growth in spiritual life of several was very marked and beautiful indeed.

This term, beginning Sept. 14th, our number is larger being twenty-two. Glad to be able to report Hok-chiang and Hai-tang as having eight students here, they were not represented at all last term.

As a rule we are like one great family, all goes quietly and harmoniously. At times of course the little disturbances come, but usually a kindly word of advice sets all right.

Three of the women are ready this autumn for the day-school teacher's examination, next year others will follow, and we feel confident they will do efficient faithful work. The success of the school is in large measure due to the efforts of Ngoi Sing-sang, our excellent teacher, who has been in the school since its beginning.

Hok-chiang and Hai-tang Day-schools.—We have eleven day schools in Hok-chiang with an enrollment of 211. Ninety-one are Christians, 120 non-christian pupils. Hai-tang has three schools with forty pupils. The average age of the students is ten, but we have many girls who stay in school till they are fourteen or fifteen. We found twenty women studying in the schools. In one school a little girl of six years and a gray-haired woman of sixty sat side by side studying the same books.

Only two visits have been made to the schools during the year. We are glad to report a decided improvement over last year. Specially are we pleased with the advance of the teachers in scholarship. It was very marked indeed in the examinations held October 27th and 28th; and the teachers certainly are alive to their responsibility and opportunities.

Eighteen of the pupils were baptized during the year, and more than ever are we convinced that these day-schools are accomplishing a work in sowing the seed, and opening the way to homes that could be done in no other way. Every home from which a pupil comes to our schools, is open to us with a ready welcome, and a willingness to hear the Word. If only there was some one to enter these doors, there is blessed opportunity for doing evangelistic work. These girls, hundreds of them in the conference, are daily learning our hymns and reading from the Book of Life. Praise God we have His own promise, "My word *shall not* return unto me void."

Biblewomen.—Hok-chiang and Hai-tang are poor in Biblewomen; Hai-tang not having any, and Hok-chiang but one regularly employed Biblewoman during the year. One woman who had almost completed the course in the Foochow Woman's School, and had returned home so earnest and enthusiastic to enter the work, was called home to Heaven the last of February. Her future was so full of promise, and our Biblewomen so few in Hok-chiang, it seemed we could ill spare her.

We rejoice that our one lone worker, is a faithful one, possessing a real love for souls. During the year she has held forty prayer meetings with the Christian women, visiting fifty houses, which she never had visited before, besides repeatedly going to tens of houses already visited. Eight during the year have been led to accept Chirst, while 1,474 listeners have heard the Word from her lips.

During the summer vacation of two months and a half, five women from the Foochow Woman's School, went to Hok-chiang, two going to Siek-gĕng and two to A-ü, one returning home. They held during these months eighteen prayer meetings, and told the "old, old story" to 2,898 hearers. These women, however, spent the strength of their time teaching and helping the Christian women. The traveling expenses to and from Hok-chiang were considerable, but we believe it paid. Never have we seen the women of Hok-chiang so roused and interested. "These women willing to come *so* far, just to teach us? Why! that is something unheard of." And already from other parts of the district comes the plea that next summer we do not forget them, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE.

WOMAN'S WORK IN HING-HUA AND ING-CHUNG DISTRICTS.

With the exception of about five weeks spent in visiting the Hing-hua district we have been able to give no time to this work; but there has always been time to ask God to bless our band of earnest workers there, and the new responsibility has proved a blessing to our own souls.

Our visit to the district was one of the most pleasant. We met and became acquainted with many of our workers, and everywhere we found grand opportunities for reaping the harvest as well as for sowing the seed. Hing-hua is surely a field ripe unto the harvest, and our Christians, awake

to the fact, are hard at work. The missionary in charge, Rev. Wm. N. Brewster appreciates the importance of this work among the women, and has given the most careful supervision to all departments of the same, and our workers have been cheered and helped by several visits from Mrs. Brewster.

The good work goes grandly on in these districts, and we close the year with a faith in our mission, in our people and in our God, born of hope; for we know China's women are soon to enjoy the ransom purchased for them on the cross.

Ten Biblewomen have been employed on Hing-hua district and two on Ing-chung. Some of these women are young and have had the advantage of some years in school, others are elderly women who can just read a little from the Book of life, but they love to tell the story, and their telling it, has been blessed to many a darkened life.

We feel these Biblewomen, so few in number and so widely separated, are but feeble lights in the midst of a great darkness; but when we know that fifteen hundred weary miles have been traveled in order that the Gospel of peace might be proclaimed; when we know that scores of villages have been entered in the name of Christ; when we know that over twenty-five thousand people have heard of their Saviour, and that more than one hundred have accepted Him, and have found the promised peace and joy; then we know these feeble lights have not been shining in vain. There are ten day-schools in Hing-hua and two in Ing-chung, where the Gospel truths are taught to young receptive minds. Can we doubt that this seed sowing will bring forth a reach harvest: "A little child shall lead them" is a prophecy most truly fulfilled in many of our day schools. In these twelve schools we have one hundred and sixty students. A number are little tots, too young to study, but it is touching to hear them recite with their childish lisp, the sweet story of old. There are a few old women learning to recite some hymns and to read a few chapters from the Word, but the majority are young girls of proper school age. We have sixty-five girls reported as Christians, mostly from Christian homes, but a few are standing alone for Christ, standing firm amidst ridicule and petty persecution. In each of these districts we have a school for women. These women, many of them come from long distances, and stay at the school. The school in Hing-hua district has been in charge of our Ngoi Cö De. Here faithful earnest work has been done, and a number of efficient workers have gone out to other parts of the district.

The Ing-chung Woman's School, in charge of our Presiding Elder Ngoi Gi Lang, has proved a great blessing to our work there.

Respectfully,

JULIA BONAFIELD.

W. F. M. S. WORK IN KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

At the last annual conference, I was appointed to take charge of the W. F. M. S. work in Ku-cheng district, that is Women's School, Girls' Day Schools and Evangelistic Work.

We will first consider the Women's Schools. Upon going to Ku-cheng, I decided to live at the Chapel, so as to be near this school, and repaired four small rooms, which have made a temporary home.

There were two dark, unused rooms in the chapel; these we made into one room, put in sky-lights and thus made a pleasant school-room for the women.

Most of the old pupils were back this year, so that work went on much the same as last year, except that I taught some, when I was in the City. I also led the Thursday evening prayer-meetings and they have been seasons of blessing to me, as well as to the women. Our teacher Mrs. Ding led when I was away.

At the close of the spring term, the women passed a very fine examination, bearing testimony to the careful teaching of their teacher.

This fall term some of the former pupils did not return, and five new pupils were admitted. They give promise of making good students after a time.

Of our highest class, we are justly proud. There are eight as bright and thorough students, as can be found in any school in any land.

Of our teacher I cannot speak highly enough. I am daily more and more surprised at the amount of work she accomplishes, with so little noise and bluster. Best of all is her wonderful influence over the women. They all love her most tenderly and will do anything to please her.

I think that nearly all of the women have grown in grace during this year. Some of them are most earnest in their efforts for the salvation of others. During the summer vacation four were appointed for work and did well; all the women came back this fall with reports of their efforts to save souls.

The women have visited in the houses of the day-school pupils and of the neighbors. I have taken some of them with me to villages near Ku-cheng city.

Concerning the Day-schools.—At the beginning of the year, there were nine day-schools. One of these was closed because of the removal of the preacher, whose wife taught the school. Two new schools were opened, as two of our teachers moved to new places.

The number of pupils in the schools at the beginning of the year was 179, at the close of the year 194. At the beginning of the year one school had 32 pupils, one 31, and one 27. According to our new rules only 20

pupils could be admitted, so 30 pupils were thus cut off. At the close of the year all but two schools had 20 pupils.

The first quarter I visited all the schools, holding examinations and trying to get a little acquainted with day-school work, of which I was wholly ignorant. At the end of my round of visits, I wrote a circular letter commending those things with which I was pleased, and speaking of those which I thought could be improved. The things which troubled me the most in the schools were the lack of religious instruction and the great desire of the pupils to earn money.

The second quarter I thought there was an improvement in many of the schools, at least they suited me better. Four of the schools were almost up to my standard. Upon my return I wrote another circular letter trying to help and encourage the teachers.

The third quarter I could not make my visits to the schools as I was obliged to go to Foochow for the summer. Upon my return, I was much surprised at the large amount paid for rewards in most of the schools. I found that there was not money enough to finish out the year, so schools were closed Oct. 5th, before our District Conference, to reopen after Annual Conference. During the year 17 have been baptized in our schools, 7 have joined the church, 37 have joined the church on probation, 23 pupils have led one or more members of their family to attend church regularly.

Concerning Deaconesses.—We have had two deaconesses regularly employed on the District, one at Ku-de and one at Dio-a. These women have most earnestly labored for the salvation of souls, and many have been gathered into the church through their influence, beside the many women who had previously believed, but needed to be taught of the Christian religion; these have been led more fully into the light. They have also visited and comforted the sick.

Whenever I have been to a place to visit a day-school, one of the women from the Women's School has accompanied me and we have tried to help the women of the village. Sometimes the preachers have gone out with us and preached in the neighboring villages. I have visited several places where there were no day-schools, and tried to help the preachers reach the women.

The time has all been spent working for God, but sometimes it has seemed like working in the dark. This has been a trial year. I hope next year I may be permitted to remain in Ku-cheng and that I may be able to do better work.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL C. HARTFORD.

WOMEN'S MEDICAL WORK.

During the past year we have often been encouraged over the result of our labors. We have taken in two new students and all are doing well in their studies.

Dr. Masters came to us as we opened up work this fall and she is putting in three hours a day on the study of the language, with the hope that in the future we may be able to give our students better instruction than has been possible in the past; for we have had no opportunity to study, being left alone with the work. Dr. Carleton writes that she hopes to come to us in early spring, so that we hope our City Hospital may then be opened.

The number that have come to us to be healed has been good and he interest that our in-patients have taken in the Gospel of Christ has encouraged us. Our students have worked earnestly for the salvation of souls as well as for the healing of the body; and in both they have been tsuccessful.

Our graduate, Dr. Hü Gi Hua, kept our dispensaries open for us during July and August; Ngu Huoi-mu presenting the gospel to them here, while Ma Huoi-mu visited from house to house in the City, and exhorted the patients on dispensary days.

Miss Johnson has, in addition to training the students, given special efforts to evangelistic work. Part of the time she has given one afternoon a week to visiting those patients in their homes that have been in the hospital and learned of God and His love. She was always warmly welcomed and many of the neighboring women would come in.

The number of patients seen at the dispensaries and of visits at homes are about the same as in former years. The number of patients in the Hospital since last Conference is 185.

Will not our preachers aid us in our work by encouraging the women and children in their neighbourhoods to come to us, and urge them not to wait until it is too late for us to cure them. Many come to us that we can not cure, whom we might have helped had they come to us sooner.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN M. LYON, M.D.

LUELLA M. MASTERS, M.D.

ELLA JOHNSON, *Trained Nurse and Hospital Evangelist.*

FOOCHOW ORPHANAGE.

One year ago, to my great surprise, I was put in charge of the orphans, a work of which I knew absolutely nothing. At that time there were five orphans in different parts of the Conference. One of these for sufficient reasons, we have not supported this year, and one has died. We have also received during the year twelve little girls whose parents, would either have drowned them or have sold them into heathen families. Of these four have died, so that at present we have just twelve. Of these, seven are in Foochow, and we expect soon to have them all here. We have rented a house where we intend to give them a comfortable home and Christian training, and pray God that from the little ones may grow up women who will be Christian mothers in Christian homes, and a great blessing to their benighted sisters. It is the intention of the home to receive only such children as the parents positively refuse to keep; to save them from death or heathen families. It is the object of this home to educate and train these girls for lives of usefulness in the Master's service. Therefore we ask your prayers, that in all our plans we may have divine guidance; and we also ask you to pray daily for these little girls, that they may from their earliest days learn to love Jesus Christ, earnestly and sincerely.

EMMA NIND LACY.

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XIV.—SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

In view of the increasing number of claimants upon the conference funds and of the fact that we are not able to loan the money in the treasury at so high a rate of interest as heretofore, we have made some reductions in the amounts which we recommend the conference to grant. We suggest the following grants:—

Rev. Hü Iong Mi, $4.50; the two sons of Rev. Li Iu Mi, $2.50; Mrs. Daing Guang Ing, $2.30; Mrs. Uong Ding Hok, $2.20; Mrs. Ding Neng Ciek, $2.00; Mrs. Sie Huo Mi, $1.70; Mrs. Ling Ching Ding, $1.50; Mrs. Dang Ging Dong, $1.50; total $18.20 per month, being $218.40 for the year.

J. H. WORLEY,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The accompanying financial statement shows the receipts and disbursements for the past year. A full statement of the loan account was given to the last conference and it is not necessary to repeat the same. A reference to it as published in the minutes of last year in connection with the statement below shows that four new loans have been made and one collected, leaving the amount of out-standing loans at this date $2,370.

The help to the widows of our brethren who have died since the last conference was paid out on order of the Trustees of the Society.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

WM. H. LACY, TREASURER.

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1891-1892.	Mexicans.		
To Insurance claim paid to Dong Diong Gö,	$14.50		
,, ,, ,, ,, Gong Gok Sai	11.70		
,, ,, ,, ,, Pang Ding Hie,	9.00		
,, ,, ,, ,, Ding Lo Daik,	9.00		
,, ,, ,, ,, Cung Ga Eu,	9.00	$53	20
To Loan No. 14	$ 50.00		
,, ,, ,, 15	200.00		
,, ,, ,, 16	225.00		
,, ,, ,, 17	300.00	775	00
To Claims on Conference Fund as follows:—			
Mrs. Uong Ding Hok, ...10 months	$25.00		
,, Ling Ging Ding, ...12 ,,	24.00		
,, Dang Ging Dong ...12 ,,	24.00		
,, Ding Neng Ciek, ...13 ,,	52.00		
Rev. Hü Iong Mi, ...12 ,,	72.00		
Rev. & Mrs. Sie Huo Mi, 12 ,,	48.00		
Li Hok Ming, ...12 ,,	24.00	269	00
		$1,097	20

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By Balance in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Nov. 1891..	385	65
,, Dividend from Foochow Mission Press	50	00
,, Gift from Rev. Sia Sek Ong from donation of Prof. M. C. White	50	00
,, H. & S. Bank interest on current account	4	43
,, Interest on Loan No. 7	6	00
,, Loan No. 10 and interest	525	00
,, Balance due Treasurer, Nov. 10th, 1892.	76	12
	$1,097	20

Audited and found correct,
GEO. S. MINER.

WM. H. LACY,
Treasurer.

XV.—CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

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FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

NATHAN SITES, PRESIDING ELDER.

FOOCHOW, P.O.

Foochow: Cing Sing Dong—Hü Sing Mi.†
Hok Ing Dong—Hü Bö Mi.†
Tieng Ang Dong—Iek Ing Guang.†
Hung-muoi—To be supplied.
Gui-hung—Ding Deng Diu.
Chek Du—To be supplied.
Lëk Du—U Sëük Hu.
Ming-chiang City—To be supplied.
Ne Du—Tiang Ngük Chiu.
Sek-ek Du—Ding Cing Seng.
Sek-ngo Du—Lau Guang Hüng.†
Sek-se Du—To be supplied.

G. B. Smyth, † President of the Anglo-Chinese College, and Editor of the Fohkien Christian Advocate. Member of Tieng Ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Worley, †—Dean of the Foochow School of Theology. Member of Tieng Ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

Sia Sek Ong, † Professor in the Foochow School of Theology, and Associate Editor of the Fohkien Christian Advocate. Member of the Tieng Ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

W. H. Lacy,† Superintendent of the Foochow Mission Press, and Professor in the Anglo-Chinese College. Member of Cing Sing Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. S. Miner, † Professor in the Anglo-Chinese College. Member of Hok Ing Dong Quarterly Conference.

Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, Mrs. G. S. Miner, and Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, Instructors in the Anglo-Chinese College.

Mrs. J. H. Worley, Principal of the Foochow Boys' Boarding School.

Uong Di Gi, Teacher in the Foochow Boy's Boarding School.

N. J. Plumb, † Absent in U.S.A.

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† Traveling Elder. * Local Preacher supply.

HAI DANG DISTRICT.

Sia Heng To, Presiding Elder.

Nathan Sites, Missionary in Charge.

Dai-ho—Ceng Ung Uong.
Dai-lieng—To be supplied.
Dëng-chiong—To be supplied.
Ngiu-sëü—Sie Sing Cang.†
Sang-le—Ling Mi Ing, Li Gi Chiong.
Tang-tau—Sia Heng Tö, † and one to be supplied.

HING HUA DISTRICT.

Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary in Charge. Foochow, P.O.

Bing-hai—Uong Ngük Ciong.*
Buo-hi—Ling Hai Lang.*
Chiong-ong—Ling Hung Chö.
Cia-sang—Ding Nik Sing.
Gie-dieng-li—Li Ngä Hung.†
Gieng-sang—Säëng Ngük Chung, and one to be supplied.
Guang-au and Hong-ciah—Säëng Hok Lieng.
Hang-gëng—Ling Sing Eü.†
Hing-hua City—Hü Caik Hang, † Song Hok Ming.
Kang-bäëk—Ding Soi Ling.†
Kia-sioh—Siek Sek Diong.
Lieng-cü—Ling Ming Ciong.†
Nang-nik—Ling Cing Cieng.†
Sieng-iu—Iong Daik Cheu.†
Ung-sü—Ngu Soi Cëü.*
W. N. Brewster † Principal of Hing-hua Theological School and Hing-hua Boys' Boarding School.
Ding Cing Guong † Teacher in the Hing-hua Theological School.
Ding Hie Ung, Teacher in the Hing-hua Boys' Boarding School. Member of Hing-hua Quarterly Conference.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder.

J. H. Worley, Missionary in Charge.

Dëng-aing—Siek Chiong Tieng.
Gëng-giang—Ding Ga Sing.†

Ha Gong-ing—Hü Nguong Dang.*
Hai-iu—Ung Seng Chuang.
Hai-kau—Ung Guong Goi.*
Ha-ü—Ciong Daik Liong.†
Hok-chiang City—U Sieu E, † and one to be supplied.
Ngu-cheng—Ding Hieng Ngieu.
Ngû-kä—U Siu Ling.
Sang-sang—Ling Chiong Ling.*
Siek-gëng—Hö Dieu Iu.*
Sing-dong—Ling Ming Sang.†
Siong Gong-ing—Huong Daik Chiong.†

ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

Ngoi Gi Lang, Presiding Elder.

R. L. McNabb, Missionary in Charge. Foochow, P.O.

Chiah-cui—Ngu Guok Kuo.*
Daik-hua—Ding Kie Hui.*
Dai-cheng—Uong Guok Hing.†
Hu-iong—Ceng Cong Ming.†
Ing-chung City—Sia Lieng Li, † and Chai Hi Seng.*
Mäëng-hu—Gö Ung Chai.*
Ngo Bö—Cieng Ngie Seng.*
Tö-nguong—Cio Kö Cü.*

IONG BING DISTRICT.

Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder.

M. C. Wilcox, Missionary in Charge.

Ciong-hu-buang—Dang Seng Ling †, Ling Heng Tung.
Hu-nguong—Hu Ing Ing.*
Iong-bing City—Diong Sëük Buo.†
Iong-de—Hu Ing Chung.*
Iu-kä—Uong Huong Sing.
Sä-gaing—Pang Ding Hie.†
Sing-gio—To be supplied.
Song-chiong—Ding Giu U and Cö Sieu Ceng.*

KU CHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER.

POST OFFICE, FOOCHOW.

Chong-tau—Ding Siu Küng. †
Dio-a—Ding Daik Liong.
Dong-huang—Diong Ming Dung. †
Duai-giang—Ding Iok Nguong.
Ku-de—Ling Ching Mi.
Ku-cheng City—Gong Sing Cäe, * and Ding Diong Hie. ‡
Liang-nang—Ling Sëü Iug, † Cüng Daik Ming and one to be supplied.
Loi-hung—Ding Bö Cing and Ling Ui Sieng.
Sek-baik Du—Tiang Ngük Cëü.
Sing-iong—Li Guong Siu and Cüng Ga Eu.
Seng-lëng—Tiang Siong Hui.
J. J. Gregory, M.D. Physician in charge of Medical Work at the Wiley General Hospital, Ku-cheng City. Post office, Foochow.
Ding Ung Tiu, † Head Teacher in Ku-cheng Woman's School.
M. C. Wilcox, † Principal of Ku-cheng Boys' Boarding School.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Foochow District:
- Medical Work.—E. M. Lyon, M.D., L. M. Masters, M.D.
- Hospital Evangelistic Work.—Ella Johnson.
- Girls' Boarding School.—Carrie I. Jewell, Julia Bonafield.
- Woman's School and Evangelistic Work on Nantai Island.—Ruth M. Sites and Mrs. G. B. Smyth.
- Day Schools and Evangelistic Work.—Ruth M. Sites.
- Orphanage.—Mrs. W. H. Lacy and Mrs. G. S. Miner.

Hok-chiang, Hai-tang, and Hing-hua Districts:
- Girls' Day Schools and Evangelistic Work.—Lydia M. Trimble and Julia Bonafield,

Hing-hua City.
- Hamilton Girls' Boarding School and Juliet Turner Memorial Woman's School.—Mrs. W. N. Brewster.

Ing-chung District:
- Hu-iong Woman's School, District Day Schools and Evangelistic Work.—Mrs. R. L. McNabb.

Ku-cheng District:
- Schools and Evangelistic Work.—Miss M. C. Hartford.
- City Evangelistic Work.—Mrs. M. C. Wilcox.

May E. Carleton, M.D. absent in U. S. A.

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‡ Local Elder.

XVI.—STATISTICAL TABLES.

J. H. Worley, Statistical Secretary.

The Tabulated Statistics do not include the following items:—

Foreign Missionaries	10
Assistant Foreign Missionaries	8
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.	8

Boarding Schools.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers*	7
,, ,, Native teachers	6
,, ,, Students	82
Theological School, Foreign teachers*	1
,, ,, Native teachers	3
,, ,, Students	23
Boys Boarding School, Scholars	46
,, ,, Foreign teachers*	1
,, ,, Native teachers	2
W. F. M. S. Three Girls Schools, Native teachers	7
,, ,, ,, ,, Scholars	146
,, Five Woman's Schools: scholars	102
,, Hospital Students	7

Property.

Anglo-Chinese College, Dormitory and Apparatus	$22,000
Eleven Residences at Foochow, Hing-hua and Kucheng, including those of the W. F. M. S.	33,700
Two Natives parsonages†	1,700
W. F. M. S. Girls Schools	10,000
,, Woman's School	3,000
,, Two Hospitals	7,000
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building	5,000
Mission Press Type, Presses, &c.	9,800

* Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

† Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

STATISTICAL TABLES,

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.
Foochow District.												
Tieng-ang Dong	5	5	...	164	49	37	30	280	19	17	13	1
Cing-sing „	1	2	2	50	21	...	...	65	...	16	5	1
Hok-ing „	1	...	...	25	4	...	...	30	...	2	3	1
Gui-hung	...	1	...	52	25	...	...	90	...	...	...	2
Hung-mui	...	3	...	15	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ne-du	1	2	1	13	6	5	...	30	...	4	2	1
Sek-ngo-du	2	1	1	34	48	12	...	80	...	14	...	2
Lĕk-du	2	3	1	42	20	37	...	80	2	...	5	2
Totals		17	5	395	176	91	30	655	21	53	28	10
Hok Chiang District.												
Hok-chiang City	2	2	2	51	18	24	30	90	15	11	4	2
Hai-kau	1	3	...	33	63	16	110	120	15	1	...	3
Ngu-cheng	1	8	1	122	152	104	280	360	17	19	8	7
Ha-ü	1	3	3	71	68	57	300	220	20	6	9	4
Sing-dong	1	4	1	105	129	65	250	250	10	32	3	4
Gĕng-giang	1	2	2	122	116	108	220	230	18	10	8	6
Hai-iu	...	3	2	82	66	36	250	280	18	3	2	5
Siek-gĕng	...	3	2	91	84	64	175	178	5	8	4	2
Gong-ing	1	2	...	63	77	43	95	145	20	18	5	3
Ngü-kä	2	1	...	28	9	25	40	50	7	2	2	2
Sang-sang	1	...	...	19	40	6	100	60	10	3	1	1
Dĕng-aing	1	...	...	37	30	35	50	52	10	...	2	3
Totals	12	31	13	824	852	583	1900	2035	165	113	48	42
Ing Chung District.												
Ing-chung City	2	1	1	37	16	17	50	62	12	12	4	2
Daik-hua	...	2	...	24	5	9	35	42	...	...	...	1
Chiak-cui	1	...	...	16	7	6	25	25	3	3	...	1
Dai-cheng	1	1	...	11	4	5	16	20	...	...	...	1
Tö-nguong	...	2	...	15	11	3	12	26	...	...	...	1
Tong-tau	...	3	...	31	15	10	50	50	5	5	...	2
Hu-iong	2	...	7	47	6	35	90	80	12	12	3	1
Totals	6	9	8	181	64	85	278	305	32	32	7	9

No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Days Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W.F.M.S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
260	1	20	3	54	2	$2,800	1	$ 87.25	.....	$160.00	.....	$57.00
65	2	59	1	20	1	1,400	...	16.50	$5.00	25.00	.....	8.00
20	1	20	1	15	1	1,400	...	3.00	.....	7.50	.....	2.00
53	2	25	...	...	...	.....	...	4.00	.....	16.15	$8.00	.....
...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	2	22	1	14	1	400	...	1.00	.....	3.10	.....	.....
60	3	34	1	15	...	.....	3	2.00	.....	3.50	.....	10.00
70	3	45	1	15	1	1,200	2	3.00	1.60	5.25	303.90	.....
558	14	225	8	133	6	$7,200	6	$116.75	$6.60	$220.50	$311.90	$77.00
48	1	13	1	12	1	$1,800	1	$ 5.00	$ 8.30	$20.00	$28.70	$16.00
50	1	15	...	...	2	840	1	5.00	5.20	38.00	22.40	55.00
95	...	...	1	21	1	400	3	6.00	7.00	80.00	43.15	50.00
75	1	17	2	45	2	1,400	...	6.00	6.00	44.00	21.40	20.00
50	1	17	1	17	3	1,200	4	5.00	8.60	46.00	32.70	50.00
120	1	15	2	31	2	1,180	1	7.00	4.20	51.00	41.79	20.00
44	1	14	2	36	5	2,360	...	4.00	6.00	46.00	19.30	25.00
60	1	20	2	40	3	1,500	4	5.00	5.90	44.00	17.15	23 00
45	1	17	...	...	2	960	1	4.00	8.00	44.00	24.50	22.00
30	1	20	...	...	1	160	1	1.25	1.40	11.00	22.10	3.00
12	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	4.50	15.00	14.50	20.00
21	...	...	...	...	2	200	1	1.50	2.80	15.00	13.05	12.00
650	9	148	11	202	24	$12,000	19	$ 51.75	$ 67.90	$454.00	$300.74	$316.00
16	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2	$4.10	$1.50	.....	$3.00	$19.50
24	1	10	...	...	1	$440	...	1.50	1.20	.....	3.40	12.16
18	1	10	...	...	1	600	...	2.00	.....	.....	0.95	13.00
11	...	...	...	...	1	416	...	2.00	.....	.....	4.00	4.30
12	...	...	...	...	1	310	...	4.35	.....	.....	4.00	13.40
18	2	29	...	...	...	.....	2	4.00	.....	$7.50	5.00	9.25
40	1	19	2	22	1	2,300	...	4.00	5.11	.....	5.00	25.00
139	5	68	2	22	5	$4,066	4	$21.95	$7.81	$7.50	$25.35	$96.61

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Wom. For. Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Sabbath Schools.
Hai Tang District.												
Ngük-sü	2	2	2	59	140	22	170	200	48	51	22	4
Tang-tau	1	6	2	47	46	24	110	120	7	17	2	3
Dai-ho	...	5	2	62	20	30	60	80	9	12	6	4
Sang-le	...	3	2	54	57	12	80	90	10	3	2	2
Totals	3	16	8	222	263	88	420	490	74	83	32	13
Hing Hua District.												
Hing-hua City	3	1	6	115	160	52	40	250	22	55	25	3
Hang-gëng	1	...	1	34	32	22	70	70	6	17	14	2
Guang-au	...	1	2	81	40	40	10	160	5	10	3	1
Huok-sik	...	1	2	92	64	60	20	180	6	15	3	4
Bing-hai	1	...	2	62	45	50	10	120	8	11	9	1
Buo-hi	...	1	...	25	13	15	10	30	2	1	1	1
Gie-dieng	1	...	3	66	18	20	10	100	17	15	4	3
Nang-nik	1	...	2	30	12	25	5	40	...	...	3	2
Sieng-iu	1	1	1	86	60	33	100	200	35	38	12	3
Lieng-cü	1	...	...	60	100	15	50	150	2	17	3	3
Ung-sü	2	...	2	73	270	50	20	250	26	96	20	2
Ging-sang	...	4	3	88	180	36	100	250	34	64	10	3
Chiong-ung	...	1	1	43	100	10	60	130	10	42	3	1
Totals	11	10	25	855	1094	428	505	1930	173	381	110	29
Iong Bing District.												
Iong-bing City	1	..	1	15	2	10	18	15	1	1	1	1
Chiong-hu-buang	1	...	2	54	3	28	48	50	3	2	3	1
Sek-se-du	...	1	...	9	6	...	10	8	3	1	...	1
Iu-kä City	...	1	...	16	4	5	15	15	1	...	1	2
Ngo-sek-du	1	...	1	22	8	11	38	36	3	4	1	1
Se-sek-lëk-du	...	1	...	11	5	4	20	20	1	1	...	1
Iong-da-hiong	...	...	...	7	3	2	10	8	2	2	...	1
Sa-ka-kau	1	...	...	4	1	...	6	7	1	1	...	1
Hu-nguong	1	...	1	23	5	3	35	33	5	5	...	2
Sä-gaing	1	...	1	6	2	...	9	7	2	2	...	1
Song-chiong	1	1	2	17	7	7	26	27	1	2	1	2
Totals	7	4	8	184	46	70	235	226	23	21	7	14

No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of Boys' Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W.F.M.S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
160	1	17	1	13	1	$950	1	$9.25	$2.50	$73.00	.....	$6.00
50	2	25	1	15	2	900	1	6.00	2.00	38.00	.....	9.00
60	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.50	2.00	20.00	.....	2.50
55	1	16	1	14	2	800	1	4.00	1.50	31.00	$250.00	10.00
325	4	59	3	42	5	$2,650	4	$20.75	$8.00	$162.00	$250.00	$27.50
160	3	50	3	58	6	$4,800	1	$23.35	$16.50	$74.35	.....	$1.50
40	2	40	...	...	3	500	...	1.50	1.72	24.00	$7.06	6.67
90	2	38	2	30	1	200	...	4.00	4.32	60.00	.....	1.16
85	2	33	2	38	4	600	...	4.00	0.85	40.00	.....	.....
60	1	28	2	32	3	250	...	3.00	.....	30.00	.....	10.15
20	1	20	...	...	1	150	...	1.00	.....	15.00	.....	.....
46	...	...	1	12	3	300	1	3.00	1.25	29.00	.....	15.50
14	...	...	1	13	1	200	...	2.00	.....	13.00	.....	0.95
70	...	...	...	...	1	1,700	...	4.20	5.17	62.00	60.00	20.00
70	...	...	...	...	3	1,300	...	2.00	3.77	52.00	41.00	4.61
50	1	10	1	14	1	200	1	2.00	1.60	56.00	23.90	14.15
100	...	...	2	37	2	280	2	3.00	13.68	106.00	.....	38.48
130	1	12	...	...	1	800	...	1.50	4.31	30.50	83.00	11.70
935	13	231	14	234	30	$11,260	5	54.55	53.17	$589.85	$214.96	$124.87
10	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	$2.00	$0.55	$5.00	.....	$1.89
30	...	...	1	13	1	$700	...	3.00	1.53	14.00	.....	8.00
12	...	...	...	...	1	250	...	2.50	3.45	6.00	.....	5.40
12	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1.00	.....	10.00	.....	2.15
20	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	2.00	2.04	.....	.....	10.00
14	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1.50	.....	2.00	.....	2.29
5	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1.00	0.60	1.50	.....	0.69
3	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	0.38	.....	2.50	.....	0.50
28	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	4.00	0.97	10.00	.....	11.00
4	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1.00	0.23	1.00	.....	1.00
14	...	...	...	...	1	200	1	4.00	2.78	8.00	.....	4.37
152	...	...	1	13	3	$1,150	4	$23.38	$12.15	$65.00	.....	$47.29

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Ku-cheng District.												
Ku-cheng City	2	1	2	28	12	...	20	100	13	6	2	1
Loi-hung	1	3	1	43	28	...	16	80	10	4	2	5
Liang-nang	2	5	...	108	82	...	27	260	44	44	16	5
Seng-iong	2	3	...	25	10	...	12	50	8	3	2	2
Chong-tau	1	...	1	22	12	...	18	45	4	3	...	1
Dio-a	1	2	1	67	31	...	18	130	18	13	7	1
Ku-de	1	3	2	92	48	...	32	150	21	45	9	2
Sek-baik-du	...	1	1	39	25	...	10	120	11	21	1	3
Seng-lëng	...	1	1	30	20	...	5	62	10	15	11	2
Dong-huang	1	2	1	32	7	...	...	40	2	...	2	2
Duai-giang	1	...	1	22	20	...	5	35	2	15	2	1
Totals	12	21	11	508	295	...	163	1072	143	169	54	25
Summary by Districts.												
Foochow District	12	17	5	395	176	91	30	655	21	53	28	10
Hok-chiang „	12	31	13	824	852	583	1900	2035	165	113	48	42
Hing-hua „	11	10	25	855	1094	428	505	1930	173	381	110	29
Hai-tang „	3	16	8	222	263	88	420	490	74	83	32	13
Ing-chung „	6	9	8	181	64	85	278	305	32	32	7	9
Iong-bing „	7	4	8	184	46	70	235	226	23	21	7	14
Ku-cheng „	12	21	11	508	295	...	163	1072	143	169	54	25
Total for 1892	63	108	78	3169	2790	1345	3531	6713	631	852	286	142
„ „ 1891	66	96	80	2823	2544	1495	4282	5699	731	433	205	31
Increase	...	12	...	346	146	...	...	1014	...	419	81	111
Decrease	3	...	2	...	...	150	751	...	100	...	...	...

No. of Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of W.F.M.S. Day Schools.	No. of Scholars in same.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for the Missionary Society.	Collected for Benevolent purposes.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
...	...	...	...	1	$2,400	1	$ 15.00	$ 2.60	$ 6.30	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	1	350	1	4.00	1.40	17.00	.....	$ 0.80
2	31	...	...	3	400	...	9.00	1.50	25.00	$60.00	18.00
...	...	...	...	...	.....	2	3.00	1.15	6.00	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	1	150	...	2.50	1.50	4.50	.....	.....
1	15	...	...	1	250	...	5.00	4.20	13.70	.....	0.80
1	12	...	...	1	200	...	5.00	2.00	19.00	70.00	.....
2	40	...	...	1	200	...	5.00	1.10	10.00	.....	1.50
1	11	...	...	...	.....	2	2.00	1.10	4.20	.....	.....
1	20	...	...	1	300	...	4.00	0.45	12.00	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	1	380	...	1.50	0.50	4.00	180.00	2.00
8	129	...	...	11	$4,630	6	$ 56.00	$17.50	$121.70	$310.00	$23.10

14	225	8	133	6	$ 7,200	6	$ 116.75	$6.60	$220.50	$311.90	$77.00
9	148	11	202	24	12,000	19	51.75	67.90	454.00	300.74	316.00
13	231	14	234	30	11,260	5	54.55	53.17	589.85	214.96	124.87
4	59	3	42	5	2,650	4	20.75	8.00	162.00	250.00	27.50
5	68	2	22	5	4,066	4	21.95	7.81	96.61	7.50	25.35
...	...	1	13	3	1,150	4	23.38	12.15	47.29	65.00	.....
8	129	...	...	11	4,630	6	56.00	17.50	121.70	310.00	23.10
53	860	39	646	84	$42,956	48	$345.13	$173.13	$1,691.95	$1460.10	$593.82
41	595	49	952	90	37,745	34	353.81	165.97	1,521.60	2,466.95	544.75
12	265	...	...	...	5,211	14	.....	7.16	170.35	.....	49.07
...	...	10	306	6	.....	...	8.68	.....	.....	1,006.85	.....

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

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OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

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I.—CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

The figures in the first column denote the year in which the preachers entered the travelling connection; those in the last column, the number of years in present appointment.

ELDERS.

1886	Brewster, W.N.	Missionary	Buo-dieng	District	4
1878	Ceng Cong Ming	Dai-cheng	Ing-chung	"	1
1873	Ciong Daik Liong	Dang-diong	Hok-chiang	"	1
1877	Daing Gieng Ing	Presiding Elder	Iong-bing	"	4
1879	Dang Seng Ling	Hok-ing Dong	Foochow	"	1
1875	Ding Cing Guong	Boy's Boarding Sch. Hing-hua	Buo-dieng	"	5
1877	Ding Ga Sing	Lieng-ci-li	"	"	1
1884	Ding Iok Nguong	Liang-nang	Kucheng	"	1
1877	Ding Siu Kung	Dong-huang	"	"	1
1877	Ding Soi Ling	Sieng-iu	Sieng-iu	"	1
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Woman's School, Kucheng	Kucheng	"	2
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Chong-tau	"	"	1
1878	Diong Seuk Buo	Iong-bing City	Iong-bing	"	4
1879	Hü Caik Hang	Hing-hua City	Buo-dieng	"	2
1860	Hü Bö Mi	Cing-Sing Dong	Foochow	"	1
1865	Hü Sing Mi	Superannuate	"	"	1
1877	Huong Daik Chiong	Siong Gong-ing	Hok-chiang	"	2
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	"	"	4
1864	Iek Ing Guang	Tieng-ang Dong	Foochow	"	4
1877	Iong Daik Cheu	Presiding Elder	Ing-chung	"	5
1883	Lacy, Wm. H.	Superintendent Mission Press.	Foochow	"	4
1877	Lau Guang Hüng	Sek-ngo-du	Ming-chiang	"	2
1878	Li Diong Cui	Presiding Elder	Buo-dieng	"	6
	Li Ngä Hung	Cong-ong	Sieng-iu	"	1
	Li Shau Wen	North China Mission			
1877	Ling Cing Cieng	Nang-nik	Buo-dieng	"	3
1887	Ling Ming Sang	Bing-hai	"	"	1
1877	Ling Ming Ciong	Presiding Elder	Sieng-iu	"	1
1883	Ling Säeng Lai	Supernumerary	Ing-chung	"	2
1878	Ling Sing Eü	Hang-gëng	Buo-dieng	"	3
1879	Ling Sëü Ing	Duai-giang	Kucheng	"	1
	McNabb, R. L.	Missionary	Ing-chung	"	2
1880	Miner, G. S.	Professor in A. C. College	Foochow	"	3
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	A-ü	Hok-chiang	"	1
1873	Pang Ding Hie	Sä-gaing	Iong-bing	"	3
1870	Plumb, N. J.	Editor Paper	Foochow	"	1
1877	Sia Heng Tö	Presiding Elder	Hai-tang	"	4
1873	Sia Lieng Li	Chiah-cui	Ing-chung	"	1
1866	Sia Sek Ong	School of Theology	Foochow	"	6
1878	Sie Sing Cang	Sing-dong	Hok-chiang	"	1
1859	Sites, Nathan	Presiding Elder	Ming-chiang	"	1
1881	Smyth, Geo. B.	President of A. C. College	Foochow	"	10
1881	Song Guong Huo	Daik-hua	Iong-bing	"	1
1878	U Sieu E.	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang	"	2
1875	Uong Guok Hing	Dai-cheng	Ing-chung	"	5
1880	Wilcox, M. C.	Presiding Elder	Ku-cheng	"	7
1880	Worley, J.H.	Dean, Theological School	Foochow	"	2

DEACONS.

1889	Ceng Ung Uong	Tang-tau	Hai-tang	District 1
1886	Ding Nik Sing.....	Cia-sang	Sieng-iu.....	„ 2
1888	Ding Dai Liong	Dio-a.....	Kucheng	„ 1
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu...	Gëng-giang	Hok-chiang	„ 1
1891	Gok Ki.....	North China Mission.....		
1889	Ling Mi Ing	Ngiu-seü	Hai-tang	„ 1
1888	Säëng Hok Lieng ...	Hing-hua City.....	Buo-dieng.....	„ 1
1889	Säëng Ngük Chung	Pao-mui	„	„ 1
1889	Siek Sek Diong	Guang-au.....	„	„ 1
1889	Tiang Ngük Ceü ...	Sek-baik-du	Kucheng	„ 2
1889	Uong Di Gi.....	Girls Boarding School	Foochow.....	1

PROBATIONERS.

1893	Chö Kong Ching ...	Ching-Sing Dong	Foochow .....District	1
	Ciong Pui Hua	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang ..... „	1
	Cüng Daik Ming ...	Chiong-hu-buang	Iong-bing ..... „	1
	Ding Bö Cing	Loi-hung.....	Kucheng ..... „	2
	Ding Deng Dieu.....	Gui-hung	Foochow ..... „	3
	Ding Cing Seng	Sek-ek-du.....	Ming-chiang..... „	2
	Ding Giu U	Song-chiong	Iong-bing ..... „	2
	Ding Hie Ung.....	Huang-kang	Ku-cheng ..... „	1
1893	Ding Pe Dak	Ku-de	Ku-cheng ..... „	1
1893	Ding Siu Ching	Baik-du	Ming-chiang..... „	1
1893	Dong Sieng Nguong	Lung-hu-sang	Sieng-iu..... „	1
1893	Hö Dieu Ieü	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang ..... „	1
	Li Gi Chiong	Siek-gëng.....	Hok-chiang ..... „	2
	Ling Cing Mi	Ku-de	Kucheng ..... „	1
	Ling Heng Tung ...	Seng-ling	„ ..... „	1
	Ling Hung Chö	Dëng-hua.....	Sieng-iu..... „	1
	Ling Ui Sieng.....	Ding-sang.....	Kucheng ..... „	1
	Song Hok Ming	Gieng-dieng-li.....	Buo-dieng..... „	1
	Tiang Ngük Chiu ...	Ne-du	Ming-chiang..... „	2
	Tiang Siong Hui ...	Sek-se du.....	Iong-bing ..... „	1
	U Sëük Hu	Lëk-du	Ming-chiang..... „	3
	U Siu Ling	Ngü-kä	Hok-chiang ..... „	2
	Uong Huong Sing ...	Liang-nang	Kucheng ..... „	1
	Ung Sing Chuang ...	Hai-iu	Hok-chiang ..... „	3
	Lao Chie Lung	North China Mission.....		
	Song Giu Gö	„ „ „		
	Song Ngie	„ „ „		
	Niek Sing Ek *	Central China Mission		
	U Tek Yuen	„ „ „		
	Tsu Cheng Tsung ...	„ „ „		
	Ching Yeng Kuai ...	„ „ „		
	Lau No I	„ „ „		
	Tsai Tek Kao	„ „ „		
	Uang Siao Shau	„ „ „		

* A Local Deacon.

II.—CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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President.

RANDOLPH S. FOSTER, D.D.

Interpreter.

J. H. WORLEY.

English Secretary.

N. J. PLUMB.

Chinese Secretary.

UONG DI GI.

Assistant Chinese Secretary.

U SIEU E.

Statistical Secretary.

WILLIAM H. LACY.

Assistant.

SONG NGUK CHUNG.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM H. LACY.

III.—CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

1. STANDING.

On the State of the Church.—The Missionaries and Presiding Elders.

On Education.—J. H. Worley, U Sieu E, Ding Dai Liong, Daing Gieng Ing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Sia Lieng Li, Sia Heng Tö.

On Sunday Schools.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Saëng Hok Ming Ding Hieng Ngieu, Diong Sëük Buo, Ceng Cong Ming, Ceng Ung Uong.

On Religious Literature.—N. J. Plumb, Ung Seng Chuang, Sio Seng Cang, Ling Ming Ciong, Uong Guok Hing, Dang Seng Ling, Ding Siu Küng.

On Temperance.—R. L. McNabb, Hü Sing Mi, Huong Daik Chiong, Siek Sek Diong, Uong Huong Sing, Ling Mi Ing, Diong Ming Dung.

On Sabbath Observance.—W. H. Lacy, U Sia Ling, Ding Soi Ling, Song Guong Huo, Ding Giu U, Ding Iok Nguong.

On Self Support.—W. N. Brewster, Iek Ing Guang, Ciong Daik Liong, Ling Heng Tung, Ding Bö Cing, Ceng Cong Ming, Tiang Ngük Chiu.

2. SPECIAL.

On Conference Relations.—N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, W. N. Brewster, Ding Ung Tieu, Ling Ming Sang, Hü Caik Hang, Sia Lieng Li, Diong Sëük Buo.

Conference Stewards.—J. H. Worley, Ling Seü Ing, Ding Gi Sing, Ling Cing Cieng, Ling Sing Eü, Ling Saëng Lai, Dang Seng Ling.

To Publish the Minutes.—English—N. J. Plumb and W. H. Lacy. Chinese—N. Sites and the Chinese Secretaries.

IV.—CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

TRUSTEES.

For Three Years.—Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

For Two Years.—J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, Hü Caik Hang.

For One Year.—Sia Sek Ong, Hu Sing Mi, Iek Ing Guang.

BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

Geo. B. Smyth, President.

Miss M. C. Hartford.	W. H. Lacy.
,, Lydia Trimble.	Hü Bö Mi.
Mrs. M. C. Wilcox.	Li Diong Cui.
,, W. N. Brewster.	Ding Ung Tieu.

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V.—ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1894.

1. EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Admission on Trial.—J. H. Worley, Hü Caik Hang, Iek Ing Guang.

Class of the First Year.—N. J. Plumb, U Sieu E, Diong Seük Buo.

Class of the Second Year.—W. H. Lacy, Dang Seng Ling, Ding Siu Küng, Sia Lieng Li.

Class of the Third Year.—N. Sites, Ciong Daik Liong, Daing Gieng Ing, Ding Cing Guong.

Class of the Fourth Year.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tieu, Ding Ga Sing.

For Local Orders.—R. L. McNabb, Uong Di Gi, Lau Guang Hüng, Sie Sing Cang.

For Girls' School Teachers.—Hü Bö Mi, Iong Daik Cheu, Iek Ing Guang, Ling Ming Ciong.

For Foochow Schools.—N. Sites, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, Hü Bö Mi, Iek Ing Guang, Sia Sek Ong.

2. ANNIVERSARIES.

To Preach Conference Sermon.—W. H. Lacy; alternate, Daing Gieng Ing.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—Dang Seng Ling; alternate, Hü Caik Hang.

3. FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To the American Board Mission.—N. J. Plumb, Hü Bö Mi.

To the Anglican Mission.—J. H. Worley, Iek Ing Guang.

4. FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Presbyterian Missions in Amoy.—R. L. McNabb, Ceng Cong Ming.

To the Central China M. E. Mission.—G. S. Miner, Ngoi Siong Ngu.

To the North China Conference.—G. B. Smyth.

To the West China M. E. Mission.—W. H. Lacy.

To S. L. Baldwin, D.D.—Uong Giu Mi.

5. COMMITTEE.

To Prepare Conference Program.—The Missionaries and Iek Ing Guang,

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VI.—CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

In the Studies of the Fourth Year.—Li Gi Chiong, Ding Daing Dieu, Niek Sing Ek (from the Central China Mission.)

In the Studies of the Third Year.—Ling Ching Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, U Seük Hu, U Siu Ling, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Siu, Cüng Daik Ming.

In the Studies of the Second Year.—Ding Giu U, Ding Bö Cing, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Cing Seng. Uong Huong Sing.

In the Studies of the First Year.—Ding Hie Ung, Song Hok Ming, Ding Siu Ching, Ding Pe Dak, Chö Kong Ching, Hö Dieu Ieu, Dong Sieng Nguong, Ciong Pui Hua, Wu Leh Yuen, Tsu Cheng Tsing, Ching Yeng Kuai, Liu No I, Tsai Teh Kao, Wang Siao Shan. (The last six from Central China Mission.)

VII.—DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—*Who are Received by Transfer and from what Conference?*

None.

2.—*Who are admitted on Trial?*

Ding Siu Ching, Ding Pe Dak, Chö Kong Ching, Hö Dieu Ieu, Dong Sieng Nguong, Ciong Pui Hua, From Central China Mission, Wu Teh Yuen, Tsu Cheng Tsing, Ching Yeng Kwai, Lau No I, Tsai Teh Kao, Wang Siao Shan.

3.—*Who remain on trial?*

(*a*) In studies of first year: Ding Hie Ung, Song Hok Ming.

(*b*) In studies of second year: Ding Giu U, Ding Bö Cing, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Ching Seng, Uong Huong Sing.

(*c*) In studies of third year: Ling Cing Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Heng Ch[illegible], Tiang Siong Hui, U Seük Hu, U Seu Ling, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Siu, Cüng Daik Ming.

(*d*) In studies of fourth year: Li Gi Chiong, Ding Daing Dieu.

4.—*Who are discontinued?*

None.

5.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Saëng Ngük Chung, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong, Nieu Sing Ek.

6.—*Who are readmitted?*

None.

7.—*Who are received on Credentials from other Churches?*

None.

8.—*What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Siek Sek Diong, Saëng Ngük Chung, Uong Di Gi.

9.—*What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Siek Sek Diong, Saëng Ngük Chung, Uong Di Gi.

10.—*What local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

None.

11.—*What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

None.

12.—*Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*

Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Nguk Ceu, Saëng Nguk Chung Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong.

13.—*Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*

Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong.

14.—*What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Ding Iok Nguong.

15.—*What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

Ding Iok Nguong.

16.—*What local preachers have been elected Elders?*

Chiu Hing Deng.

17.—*What local preachers have been ordained Elders?*

Chiu Hing Deng.

18.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Ling Saëng Lai,

19.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Hü Sing Mi.

20.—*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open conference.

21.—*Have any died?*

Hü Iong Mi.

22.—*Have any been transferred and to what Conference?*

None.

23.—*Have any withdrawn?*

None.

24.—*Have any been located at their own request?*

None.

25.—*Have any been located?*

None.

26.—*Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?*

None.

27.—*Have any been expelled?*

None.

28.—*Who are selected to be the triers of appeals?*

None.

29.—*What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?*

See Statistical tables.

30.—*What is the Conference Treasurer's Report for this Conference year?*

See Statistical Report.

31.—*What are the Claims on the Conference fund?*

$220.80.

32.—*What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?*

$220.80. See Conference Stewards' Report.

33.—*Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See Appointments.

34.—*Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow.

VIII.—JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

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FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1893.

Opening.—The seventeenth session of the Foochow Conference was held at Tieng Ang Dong beginning at 9.00 o'clock Wednesday morning, November 16th, 1893. Bishop Randolph S. Foster called the Conference to order and with the assistance of the Presiding Elders administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll call.—The roll was then called by last year's Chinese Secretary.

Interpreter & Secretaries.—On motion of M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Worley was elected interpreter and N. J. Plumb English Secretary. Uong Di Gi was chosen Chinese Secretary with U Sieu E as assistant. On motion of N. J. Plumb, W. H. Lacy was elected Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

Hours & Bar.—The bar of the Conference was fixed at the eighth seat from the rostrum, and the time of holding the sessions from 8.30 to 11.45 a.m.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop then addressed the Conference in regard to his visit to China. He said it afforded him great pleasure to at last accomplish a long cherished desire to see this work, and that the importance of his visit was greatly enhanced by the association with him of Mrs. S. L. Keen, a secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Rev. A. B. Leonard, D.D., one of the Secretaries of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who are here to look after the interests of these societies. He urged upon all the great importance of earnest prayer and a full consecration to God, and diligent attention to the work of the Conference.

Dr. Leonard's Address.—Dr. Leonard briefly addressed the Conference saying that he regarded this as one of the most important of the many Conference sessions, he had attended during the past thirty years. This being the first Conference organized within the bounds of our Asiatic missions should be the first in zeal and consecration. It had been a

great delight to him to meet the Conference and the missionaries, and he had the pleasure of presenting to them all the greetings of Dr. S. L. Baldwin who was for so many years a missionary in Foochow, and is now Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society,—an undying friend of the Chinese, and especially of the Foochow Christians.

Special Committee.—R. L. McNabb stated that some complaints had been made against Ngoi Gi Lang, Presiding Elder of the Ingchung District, and requested the appointment of a committee of five, consisting of three missionaries and two natives, to enquire into these matters. The following committee was ordered: N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, M. C. Wilcox, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Caik Hang.

Twentieth Question.—Under the 20th question the examination of character was commenced and the name of N. Sites, Presiding Elder of the Foochow District, was called and his character passed. Owing to illness he was unavoidably absent.

The name of Sia Heng Tö, Presiding Elder of the Hai-tang District was called, his character passed and he presented his report. He then read a paper concerning the work of the early Missionaries, which on motion was referred to a Committee consisting of Hü Bö Mi, Sia Sek Ong and Iek Ing Guang to be revised and forwarded to the home Church, (see Appendix).

Introductions.—Dr. S. L. Gracey, U. S. Consul, was then introduced and addressed the Conference. He spoke concerning the relation of the Native Church to the Consular representatives of the United States, and defined the limits within which protection may be claimed for Chinese Christians.

On motion the time was extended. The Bishop inquired if the Committees on examinations had completed their work and the answer being in the affirmative an afternoon session was announced.

Adjournment.—The Conference then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p.m.

The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

WEDNESDAY,—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—The Conference met pursuant to adjourment at 3:00 o'clock, Bishop Foster in the chair. Prayer was offered by Hü Bö Mi.

Book Concern Dividend.—The Bishop announced a dividend from the Book Concern to the Conference of $397 Gold, (three hundred and ninety seven dollars), and on motion a draft was ordered for this amount made payable to W.H. Lacy, Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

Standing Committees.—On motion the following Conference Committees were appointed.

I.—On State of the Church.—The Missionaries and Presiding Elders.

II.—On Education.—J. H. Worly, U Sieu E, Ding Dai Liong, Daing Gieng Ing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Sia Lieng Li, Sia Heng Tö.

III.—On Sunday Schools.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Saëng Hok Ming, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Diong Seük Buo, Ceng Cong Ming, Ceng Ung Uong.

IV.—On Religious Literature.—N. J. Plumb, Ung Seng Chuang, Sie Song Cang, Ling Ming Ciong, Uong Guok Hing, Dang Seng Ling, Ding Siu Küng.

V.—On Temperance.—R. L. McNabb, Hü Sing Mi, Huong Daik Chiong, Siek Sek Diong, Uong Huong Sing, Ling Mi Ing, Diong Ming Dung.

VI.—On Sabbath Observance.—W. H. Lacy, U Siu Ling, Ding Soi Ling, Song Guong Huo, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Giu U, Ding Iok Nguong.

VII.—On Self Support.—W. N. Brewster, Iek Ing Guang, Ciong Daik Liong, Ling Heng Tung, Ding Bö Cing, Ceng Cong Ming, Tiang Ngük Ceü.

Special Committees.—

I.—On Conference Relations.—N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, W. N. Brewster, Ding Ung Tieu, Ling Ming Sang, Hü Caik Hang, Sia Lieng Li, Diong Seük Buo.

II.—Conference Stewards.—J. H. Worley, Ling Seü Ing, Ding Ga Sing, Ling Cing Cieng, Ling Seng Eü, Ling Saëng Lai, Dang Seng Ling,

The Twentieth Question Resumed.—The name of Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder of the Hinghua District, was called and his character passsd. He presented his report showing a prosperous condition of the work on his district.

The character of Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder of the Hok-chiang District, was passed and he gave an interesting report of his work.

The name of Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District, was called, his character was passed, and he reported his work.

Adjournment.—The Conference then adjourned. The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by M. C. Wilcox.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1893.

Opening.—The Conference met at the appointed hour and the religious services were conducted by Daing Gieng Ing. The Bishop took

the chair at 9 o'clock and the minutes of the two previous sessions were read in English and Chinese, and approved.

Book Concern Dividend.— It having been discovered that there was a mistake in the draft on the Book Concern ordered yesterday, on motion the Treasurer was requested to return it to New York for correction.

Report of Committee.—N. J. Plumb reported on behalf of the Committee appointed to inquire into the complaints against Ngoi Gi Lang, that after a full and careful investigation the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that there were no grounds whatever for the charges against him.

This report was unanimously adopted by the Conference. His character was then passed and he read the report of his district.

N. Sites.—A letter from N. Sites was read expressing his regret at not being able to be present at the Conference sessions owing to illness, and requesting that Iek Ing Guang be asked to report concerning the part of his district in Foochow and vicinity and that U Sëük Hu represent the work in Ming-chiang, which request was granted by the Conference.

The Twentieth Question Resumed.—The name of M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder of the Ku-cheng District, was called, his character passed and he presented his report.

The name of Iek Ing Guang pastor of Tieng Ang Dong was called and his character passed. In accordance with the above action of the Conference he represented the work in Foochow and vicinity.

U Sëük Hu then gave an account of the work in Ming-chiang.

The names of W. N. Brewster, J. H. Worley and R. L. McNabb were called and their characters passed.

The Second Question.—The second question, *Who are admitted on trial,* was called and on motion of M. C. Wilcox it was ordered that all candidates for admission, those already on trial, Supernumeraries and Superannuates seeking to be made effective, and candidates for orders as local elders or deacons, be referred to the Committee on Conference relations before their names are presented to the Conference.

Missionary Money.—The effective preachers in charge of circuits were requested to report their missionary collections and the number of additions to their membership during the year.

The Twentieth Question.—The examination of character was continued under the 20th question. The names of the following effective Elders were called and as their characters were passed they reported their missionary collections and additions to membership: Hü Sing Mi, Hü Bö Mi, Lau Guang Hüng, Sie Seng Cang, Li Ngü Hung, Ling Seng Eü, Ling Cing Cieng, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Soi Ling, Ling Ming Ciong, Iong Daik Cheu, Ding Ga Sing, Ciong Daik Liong, Ling Ming Sang, Huong Daik Chiong. U Sieu E, Ceng Cong Ming, Sia Lieng Li, Dang Seng Ling, Diong Seük Buo, Pang Ding Hie, Ding Siu Küng, Diong Ming Dung, Ling Seü Ing, Sie Seng Cang. When the name of Uong Guok Hing was called papers were presented containing complaints against him and these were referred to the Committee previously appointed on the case of Ngoi Gi Lang.

Reports.—M. C. Wilcox presented a report of the Ku-cheng Boys' Boarding School and the report was ordered printed. On motion the time was extended and the time for the reception of fraternal delegates was fixed at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Revival Services.—On motion of N. J. Plumb it was decided to devote the evenings of the Conference to revival services with addresses by Dr. Leonard.

Adjournment.—The notices were then given and the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Dr. Leonard.

THIRDSDAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 18, 1893.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30, and devotional services were conducted by Ling Ming Ciong. The minutes of the previous session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

Preachers' Aid Society.—W. H. Lacy, the Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society presented his report which was adopted, (see Reports).

Committee.—On motion of J. H. Worley a Committee consisting of N. J. Plumb, Ngoi Gi Lang, Li Diong Cui, Diong Ming Dung, Ding Ga Sing was appointed to inquire into the methods of administering the finances of this Society.

The Fifth Question.—The following candidates for admission into full connection were called and they having been duly examined and their characters passed, they were asked the Disciplinay questions and were elected to Deacon's orders.

Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Saëng Ngük Chung, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong.

Li Gi Chiong not having been examined was left in the studies of the fourth year.

Fourteenth Question.—The 14th question was called and Ding Iok Nguong was represented by his elder, his character passed and he was elected to Elders orders.

Eleventh Question.—Under the 11th question Chiu Hing Deng was elected to local Elders orders.

Fraternal Delegates.—The hour having arrived for the reception of fraternal delegates business was suspended, and the Rev. J. Martin and the Rev. H. M. Eyton-Jones of the English Church Mission were introduced and Mr. Martin addressed the Conference. The Rev. Ding Long Gü of the American Board Mission was introduced and made a brief address.

Third Question.—The business of the Conference was resumed and under the third question the following persons, having been duly examined and their characters passed, were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year: Ding Giu U, Ding Bö Cing, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Cing Seng, Uong Huong Sing. Ding Hio Ung and Song Hok Ming were passed in character and left in the studies of the first year.

Book Accounts.—On motion of W. H. Lacy, Ling Ming Ciong was appointed to collect the book store accounts.

Assistant Statistical Secretary.—At the request of W. H. Lacy, Saëng Ngük Chung was made assistant statistical secretary.

Memorial on Morphia.—N. J. Plumb presented a memorial to the Conference from Dr. J. J. Gregory, concerning the extensive use of Morphia and the great harm being done to the Church through its sale by native Christians. On motion this paper was referred to a committee consisting of M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi and Ngoi Gi Lang, for consideration and report to the Conference.

G. B. Smyth.—A letter from G. B. Smyth, now in the United States, was read by J. H. Worley.

Third Question.—The following persons having been duly recommended and their characters passed, they reported their collections, and they were advanced to the studies of the third year and continued on trial. Ling Cing Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ding Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, U Seük Hu, U Sëu Ling, Ung Seng Chuang.

Eighteenth Question.—Ling Saëng Lai was continued in a supernumerary relation.

Nineteenth Question.—The question *Have any died?* was called and it was announced that Hü Iong Mi had died.

Iek Ing Guang and Daing Gieng Ing were appointed a Committee to prepare a memoir for presentation to the Conference.

Introductions.—At this point Mrs. Keen, Secretary of the W. F. M. S. and her daughter, also Mrs. Gracey, wife of the U. S. Consul, were introduced to the Conference. On motion Ngoi Gi Lang was excused from the Committee on Dr. Gregory's Memorial and Sia Heng Tö put in his stead.

Adjournment.—The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Bishop Foster.

FOURTH DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1893.

Opening.—The Conference met at the usual hour Bishop Foster in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by Iek Ing Guang. The Minutes of the previous Session were read and approved.

Third Question.—The name of Li Guong Sieu having been omitted, his character was passed and as he was absent and not examined he was continued in the studies of the third year.

Second Question.—The Second Question was taken up and the following persons from the Central China Mission having been duly recommended were received on trial: Wu Teh Yuen, Tsu Cheng Tsing, Ching Yeng Kwai, Liu No I, Tsai Teh Kao, Wang Siao Shan.

The Districts were then called and the following persons duly recommended were introduced to the Conference and admitted on trial: Ding Siu Ching, Ding Pe Dak, Chö Kong Ching, Hö Dieu Ieu, Ding Sieng Nguong, Chiong Pui Hua.

Twentieth Question.—The name of Ding Cing Guong, teacher in the Hing-hua Theological School, was called and his character passed.

Third Question.—The name of Cüng Daik Ming was called and his character passed. On motion he was continued in the studies of the third year. The name of Ding Daing Dieu was called his character passed and he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year. Niek Sing Ek of the Central China Mission having been examined and recommended his character was passed and he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

The character of Li Gi Chiong was passed but he not having been examined was continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Twentieth Question.—The name of J. H. Worley was called. He presented his report of the Theological school and his character was passed, (see Reports).

The name of Ding Ung Tieu was called and his charactor passed. The name of Uong Guok Hing was called and his character passed.

Reports.—On behalf of Dr. Gregory, W. H. Lacy presented the report of the Evangelist of the Wiley Memorial Hospital. This was read in Chinese and ordered printed in the minutes, (see Reports). The Report of the Foochow Boys' Boarding School by Mrs. Worley was presented and read in Chinese, (see Reports).

U Sieu E read the report of the Hok-chiang Boys' Boarding School.

The Bishop then called the disciplinary questions in order.

The report of the Conference Stewards was presented, but before its adoption the hour had arrived when the ladies of the W. F. M. S. were to meet the conference. On motion Mrs. Keen was granted all the time to address the conference and the time extended as much as might be necessary for this purpose.

Afternoon Session.—It was moved and carried that when we adjourn it will be to meet at 2 o'clock and the Bishop requested N. J. Plumb to take the chair during the afternoon session.

The address of Mrs. Keen, which was translated into Chinese by Miss Ruth Sites, was greatly enjoyed by all present.

W. F. M. S. Hospital.—By request the following committee was appointed to examine the medical students of the W. F. M. S. hospital: N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, Kate C. Woodhull, M. D., Sia Sek Ong. Hü Caik Hang.

Adjournment.—The conference then adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Bishop Foster.

MONDAY,—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—The conference met at 2 o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment. N. J. Plumb took the chair and conducted the opening religious services.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read in Chinese and approved.

Reports.—The report of the Conference Stewards was called for and re-read. After some discussion and emendations it was adopted, (see Reports).

Preachers Aid Society.—On motion it was ordered that a committee be appointed at each session of the conference to examine into the financial methods of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society, and the Treasurer was authorized to place any money, not otherwise loaned, in the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank at the usual rate of interest, (see Appendix).

Trustees.—The term of Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng as trustees having expired, they were re-elected for three years.

Reports.—The following reports were then read and filed for publication in the minutes, (see Reports).

Anglo-Chinese College by Mrs. Smyth; Fohkien Christian Advocate by Sia Sek Ong, assistant editor; Ing-chung Boys' Boarding School by R. L. McNabb; Committee on Sabbath Schools, M. C. Wilcox, chairman; Self Support, W. N. Brewster, chairman; Religious Literature, N. J. Plumb, chairman; Mission Press, W. H. Lacy, Superintendent; Sabbath Observance, W. H. Lacy, chairman; Temperance, R. L. McNabb, chairman.

Publishing Minutes.—On motion the Chinese secretaries and N. Sites were appointed to prepare the minutes for publication in Chinese and N. J. Plumb and W. H. Lacy to publish the English minutes.

Adjournment.—The conference then adjourned. The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by the chairman.

FIFTH DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1893.

Opening.—The conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Foster in the chair. The religious services were conducted by Dang Seng Ling. The minutes of the previous session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

Marriage & Betrothals.—W. N. Brewster presented some resolutions on the subject of betrothals and marriages of native preachers which after some discussion were referred to the committee on the state of the church.

Twelfth Question.—Under the Twelfth Question the names of the following Deacons of the first class were called. They reported their collections, their characters were passed and they were advanced to the second class. Ding Nik Sing, Saëng Hok Lieng, Ding Dai Liong.

Course of Study.—The committee last year appointed to prepare a course of study for travelling and local preachers presented their report which had been printed and circulated. On motion of N. J. Plumb, the course of study was unanimously adopted and referred to the Board of Bishops for approval, (see Appendix).

Wiley Memorial Church.—A paper was presented, signed by J. H. Worley and G. S. Miner, concerning a new church to take the place of Tieng Ang Dong to be called the Wiley Memorial Church. This was unanimously adopted. (see Appendix).

Morphia Report.—M. C. Wilcox presented a report of the committee to whom was referred Dr. Gregory's paper concerning morphia, which was read in Chinese and after some emendation was unanimously adopted (see Reports).

Hu Sing Mi.—On motion of N. Sites, Hü Sing Mi was granted at his own request a superannuated relation.

Central Conference.—W. N. Brewster presented a paper concerning a Central Conference in accordance with the provisions of the discipline and providing for the appointment of a committee consisting of three foreign missionaries and two natives to correspond and arrange for such a conference. The paper was unanimously adopted, (see Appendix).

Thirty-Fourth Question.—The question "*Where shall the next Conference be held*" was called and it was decided to hold it at Tieng Ang Dong.

Song Guong Huo.—On motion Song Guong Huo was taken from the supernumerary relation and made effective.

Memorial Services.—The time of holding the memorial services of Hü Iong Mi and Miss Ngoi Chö Le was fixed for this evening at 7 o'clock to be followed by Dr. Leonard's address on temperance.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Education was presented by Sia Heng Tö and after some changes it was adopted, (see Reports). W. H. Lacy presented a summary of the statistics, showing a decided advance in most items, (see Statistics).

Central Conference.—The Bishop announced the following committee to correspond in regard to a Central Conference: N. Sites, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, Hü Bö Mi and Sia Sek Ong.

W. F. M. S. Reports.—The time having arrived for the presentation of W. F. M. S. reports, Miss Sites gave a verbal summary of her work in the Woman's School. Mrs. Brewster presented a report of the work in Hing-hua city and vicinity. Mrs. Jewell read her report of the Foochow Girls Boarding School.

The report of the Woman's Hospital by Drs. Carleton, Lyon and Masters was presented and the substance translated into Chinese by J. H. Worley. The reports of Miss Hartford of work in Ku-cheng and Miss Trimble of the southern districts were presented without being read. On motion it was decided that all reports shall be edited by the committee on publication of the minutes.

Adjournment.—On motion it was decided that when we adjourn it will be to meet again at 2 o'clock p.m.

The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Daing Gieng Ing.

TUESDAY,—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—Conference met at 2 o'clock p m. pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Foster in the chair. A hymn was sung and prayer was offered by Ding Siu Kăng. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Official Minutes.—On motion of M. C Wilcox the English minutes were made the official minutes of the conference.

Nominating Committee.—A committee consisting of N. J. Plumb, Diong Sĕŭk Buo and Li Ngăi Hung was appointed to prepare nominations of the various committees to be appointed by the conference.

Certificate of Ordination.—Bishop Foster presented the following certificate of ordination.

This Certifies that at Foochow, China, November 19th, 1892, the undersigned ordained to the office of Deacon in the Church of God,

UONG DI GI, SAENG NGUK CHING,
SIEK SEK DIONG, TIANG NGUK CEU,
LING MI ING, CENG UNG UONG,

and at the same time and place the undersigned assisted by several Elders ordained to the Office of Elder in the Church of God,

DING IOK NGUONG, CHIU HING DENG.

R. S. FOSTER.

Foochow, China, November 21st, 1893.

Fraternal Delegates.—N. J. Plumb and Hü Bö Mi were appointed fraternal delegates to the Woman's conference.

Adjournment.—The conference then adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Dr. Leonard.

SIXTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1893.

Opening.—The conference met in regular session, Bishop Foster in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Hü Bö Mi. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Report.—The committee on state of the church presented reports on the subjects referred to them, which with some emendations were unanimously adopted by the conference, (see Reports).

Complimentary Resolutions.—The following resolutions were offered by W. N. Brewster and were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

BISHOP FOSTER.—Resolved, That we deeply appreciate the kind providence of God in permitting us to have with us as our president our revered and beloved Bishop R. S. Foster. All his counsel has been in the wisdom and spirit of the Master, whom he has so long and faithfully served, and of whose character he gives so shining an example. We will follow him with our warmest love and earnest prayer.

DR. LEONARD.—Resolved that we give hearty thanks to Dr. A. B. Leonard for his painstaking investigation of all the interests of the Mission, for his spiritual and helpful addresses, his timely and prudent counsel, and his uniform courtesy, sympathy and kindness to all with whom he has come in contact during his brief stay among us. We bespeak for him a safe journey home and pray that he may find his beloved wife in improved health and no the worse for his long absence because of his devotion to the work to which he has given his life.

The following resolutions offered by M. C. Wilcox and W. N. Brewster were adopted by a rising vote of the Conference.

MRS. KEEN.—Resolved, that we have greatly enjoyed the presence and addresses of Mrs. Keen, the honored Secretary of the Womans Foreign Missionary Society, and pray that she and Miss Keen may have a safe and pleasant journey to the home land.

THANKS.—Resolved that we extend hearty thanks to the resident Missionaries preachers and members for their splendid success in providing for our entertainment.

Reports.—N. J. Plumb reported in behalf of the nominating committee the various examining committees, fraternal delegates, and correspondents which were unanimously adopted, (see pages 7-8 of Conference Minutes).

Mrs. McNabb's report of work for women in the Ing-chung district was presented and placed on file for publication, (see Reports).

Farewells.—Dr. Leonard then briefly addressed the Conference giving some very appropriate and helpful exhortations.

Mrs. Keen made a few very touching farewell remarks, and Miss Keen also said good-bye to the conference. On motion of N. J. Plumb, Bishop Foster, Dr. Leonard and Mrs. Keen were requested to carry the greetings of this body to the home churches and conferences and to all the mission stations they may visit. Miss Sites suggested that the greetings of this conference be sent to Miss Hü King Eng, now in the United States, and this was agreed to by the rising of the whole congregation. Bishop Foster then addressed the conference at some length in some most interesting and instructive remarks.

Dr. Gracey.—The following resolutions concerning Dr. S. L. Gracey, U. S. Consul, were offered by N. Sites and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS.—In the providence of God we have had with us during the past three years as the official representative of our country one who has been one with us in the service of our Master and a brother minister of the Gospel, and

WHEREAS, he has proved of efficient help to us in all our difficulties, and

WHEREAS, he has now completed his term of service among us;

RESOLVED.—That in losing Dr. S. L. Gracey from the Foochow Consulship, we are deprived of a valuable assistant in our labors; and

RESOLVED.—That we regret the action of the United States which requires the return of himself and Mrs. Gracey, and earnestly ask that when they reach the United States they continue to labor in our behalf in any way God opens before them; and we will pray our Heavenly Father to richly bless their efforts and to crown their lives with joy and peace and abundant fruitage.

The Minutes of the session were then read and approved.

Adjournment.—After the reading of the appointments the Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung and Bishop Foster pronounced the Benediction.

RANDOLPH S. FOSTER,
President.

N. J. PLUMB,
Secretary.

IX.—REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

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FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

NATHAN SITES, P.E.

The district includes our work in the Ming, Au-kuang and Ming-chiang civil districts.

In Foochow our work comprises the Mission Press, annually sending out over twelve million pages of Scriptures and other Christian literature. Also a Boys Boarding School with over forty pupils, the Anglo-Chinese College with over one hundred enrolled, the School of Theology with thirty, the Girls' Boarding School with eighty, the Woman's School with thirty women pupils, and the High Class Seminary with eight girls. Besides all these schools we have here two Woman's Hospitals, in which thousands are annually ministered unto in the spirit of the Master.

Full reports of each of these several departments will be found in those Minutes.

In Foochow city and suburbs the Church of England, the American Board and our own Missions are engaged in evangelistic work.

Much faithful seed-sowing has been done, some little harvest gathered and buds of promise are now seen in many places.

At Cing Sing Dong, just outside the South gate of the city, Miss Bosworth and Bro. Lacy have carried on a Sunday School for heathen children with from two to three hundred in attendance.

Three miles south, in the A-do surburbs, Rev. Miner with the help of students from the College and School of Theology is carrying on three similar schools with three hundred scholars, all his little school rooms will accomodate. These willing hundreds point to a glorious change in the minds of the parents and people, who see in the religion of Jesus the good they seek for themselves and their children.

"The poor have the Gospel preached unto them" and it has sometimes seemed as if they only were willing to accept Christ. The wealthy and literary classes have generally been the open or secret leaders in opposition and persecution. But thank God we now have many from among these, who openly show a kindly spirit both to us and to our work. For

three years past petitions have been sent to our Bishops speaking in praise of the "teachings of Jesus," and desiring preachers to be continued among them. We have now some twenty first degree graduates full members of our church. It is estimated that at the recent triennial literary examinations in this city, for second degree, not less than twenty Christian students were among the competitors. Such a thing was never known before in all the history of this old nation.

Just here at Foochow, a literary graduate, the late Dr. Ling Seng Nguong, a native physician of great renown, left idolatry to serve God. He was formerly very zealous in the worship of idols, but some years ago his wife died; then in comparatively rapid succession two sons and a daughter-in-law. Beside himself with grief the Doctor angrily cast out almost all his pantheon of gods for which he had so reverently cared, but which had not prevented calamity from entering his household.

Not long after a neighbor said to him, "I have found what you need,—better than any medicine to heal your heart and cure your body", and handed him a copy of Dr. Allen's Shanghai paper, "News of the World." This proved a source of intense interest, not only for the news it contained, but more for the light it gave, regarding another religion of which the Doctor had never heard. He at once bought a Bible, and began careful study of it.

His home became a place of weekly public worship, and himself an interested learner. Failing health had of late kept him much at home, but, though never within a church, in his own home he accepted Christ, and sent to us asking for baptism. The pastor, Bro. Miner, my daughter Ruth and a few native Christian friends accordingly went to his home on Sabbath afternoon. Like Cornelius of old this man had assembled his household for the service and after a short sermon he with his aged mother and three neighbors received baptism. Within three months, his long and useful life was finished and he was called home to join the redeemed ones above. His dying testimony was, "All peace within." Nevertheless "he being dead, yet speaketh" and not only are all his large family now committed to Christ, but from unexpected sources far and near, come reports of his testimonies for Christianity. While healing others of physical ailments, he had, for years past ever since his own first study of the Bible, lost no opportunity to point his patients to Christ the Soul Physician. "God removes His workmen, but carries on His work."

In the Ming-chiang district, eighty miles west of Foochow the awakening has been very marked during the past two years. Two and a half years ago our church roll numbered about one hundred men, women and children. Now we have about five hundred. But more than the numerical increase, do we value the victory we have gained in winning the confidence and respect of the ruling classes, both official and literary, as well as the friendship of the people at large.

Twelve years ago our rented chapel in the Fourteenth Township was broken up and our preachers driven away by a riotous mob. Two years

ago we were welcomed back, another chapel rented, and now our church roll at this place numbers over sixty, all earnest and enthusiastic Christians.

In the great central Sixth Township we have one hundred and seventy communicants, and the new chapel, built but two years ago, is already crowded to its utmost capacity.

In Seng-buang, two years ago, six men were reclaimed from the habit of opium smoking, by the earnest effort of the pastor, and the help of medicine. They were thoroughly converted, and by grace they stand firm, and fifty or sixty persons in that town are now Christians.

Another remarkable evidence of interest is the great number of petitions from different places to have the proposed Woman's School located in their particular town, and stranger than fiction is the fact that the non-Christian literary men plead for it in order that the women of their families may be taught the Christian religion.

Surely God is preparing a people with whom He shall dwell.

HAI DANG DISTRICT.

Sia Heng To, P E.

The island comprising my district lies well out to sea with a number of other smaller islands about it. The boat travel of 30 or 40 miles going to and from the main land is attended with considerable discomfort. The central church is at Tang-tau, the principal market and the seat of the local magistrate. There are stationed here seven or eight hundred soldiers, requiring more than twenty officers great and small. It is a busy mart and the carrying trade in junks is considerable and vessels are constantly going to and fro. Several years ago the request was made for a resident missionary, and I now renew this plea and hope the Bishop may grant it.

This year the district has been divided into eight circuits. There are eight day schools for boys and girls with 123 pupils.

Most fortunately we have been highly favored by having the two excellent lady missionaries, Miss Bonafield and Miss Trimble, to supervise the work. This has been very beneficial and every body is grateful to them for their instruction and we request the continuance of their services.

There are on the island two large villages with more than 3,000 families where no resident preacher has yet been sent. We hope additional funds may be secured to send the gospel to all these people. Mission work has now been in progress on Hai-dang for twenty years. There is a total of members and probationers of between five and six hundred, thirty

times as many as they were ten years ago. The number of truly converted persons is small for which there are various reasons. One is that the people are not in harmony and many evils result from this condition of things. The Roman Catholics are quite numerous on the island and often our weak and ignorant people turn to that church for help in cases of trouble and litigation, and leave us.

If a missionary cannot be sent to reside here next year to supervise the work, the district should be put under the one in charge of Hok-chiang.

We request that a Woman's School be established at Ngiu-seü and a Girls' Boarding School at Tang-tau.

We need $300 to aid in church building and $30 for rent and repairs. The large towns of Dwai-beng and Diong-buo should be included in one circuit.

Three churches have been completed during the year.

In repairing the chapel at Tang-tau we got into a great difficulty and were in much trouble for sometime. At length Dr. Sites and Uong Giu Mi, came down and by diligent efforts they were finally able to adjust the matter and the people were shown that the church is not bad and that we are actuated by motives of love towards them. Thus was the mercy and favor of God shown beyond our utmost expectations.

HINGHUA DISTRICT.

Li Diong Cui, P.E.

The work on my district during the past year has been unusually prosperous. In many places the members provide their own churches and the necessary furniture for their pastors.

When the Hung-ciah circuit was taken over from the Hok-chiang district there were less than twenty members, but since then there have been added over sixty persons.

In the village of Dung-nguong an aged literary man, a devout idolater, became a Christian in the 5th moon, gladly casting away his wooden idols, and his house has since become the regular place of worship. The attendance at the religious service is very large, and more than eighty persons have joined the church all through the influence of this one man.

In Sieng-iu county the work has been more prosperous than in Buo-dieng. The people are more interested and seem more anxious to hear the truth. During the year over 600 persons have been added to the church. Owing to an unfortunate difficulty at Ung-sü in a church building enterprise, the sum total of membership has not increased for some years. On

a few of the circuits there had previously been no improvement, but this year some additions have been made.

The preachers have all been faithful in their work. The additions to the church have been as follows: 447 adults, 122 children baptized, 215 probationers received. The present numbers are 1,070 members, 413 baptized children, 1,323 probationers; a total of 2,806.

The contributions to all purposes have been $1,433.20, an advance over last year of $395.80.

Three new churches have been built. During the past five years six churches have been erected, and another is about to be commenced. The central church in Hinghua city has not yet been built.

The missionary money allowed has been quite insufficient to carry on the work, and this could not have been done had it not been for private sums obtained by the solicitation of Bro. Brewster.

For the training and instruction of native workers, we now have a Theological and Boys School, and a Boarding School for girls.

There have been twelve cases of persecution, but they have not been severe and no harm has been done. We ask you to pray for us.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P.E.

The circuits on my district are all in a prosperous condition. Everywhere the people are glad to hear preaching and believers are numerous.

At the city charge a number of literary men have joined the church, and consequently the services on Sundays are unusually well attended and interesting and it affords us great pleasure to have these men with us confessing the Lord's name. During the year one of our members has received the first or bacholors degree.

On the Sick-gëng circuit 30 or 40 families have become Christians, thus adding over 80 inquirers. The circuit is a very large one and it was the general feeling at the last quarterly meeting that there were many who were ready to receive the gospel, and that another preacher is greatly needed.

Ngu-cheng is a self supporting circuit and this year the W. F. M. S. has established a woman's school there, superintended by Miss Trimble and Miss Bonafield, who travel to and fro between Hinghua and Hok-chiang. They are very zealous, faithfully doing the Lord's work. Their good example has stimulated the zeal of the women in the woman's school and others, and they have subscribed $30, towards the proposed new girls school

building. We urge the reappointment of these ladies to permanently reside in Hok-chiang, for while we have no resident missionary they will be a greatly needed help in the work.

At Hai-kau, the condition of the work may be compared to the grass in spring, constantly increasing in freshness and beauty.

Gëng-giang, Ha-ü, Sang-sang, Deng-aing, Ngü-kä and Gong-ing, although not very prosperous are in better condition than last year.

There have been received into full membership during the year 139. Adults baptized 176, children baptized 100, probationers added 200; a total increase of nearly 600 persons.

There has been an advance in all the collections.

ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, P.E.

This is the sixth year that I have been appointed to this district. During these years the Church of the Lord has gradually grown. Six years ago there were but five circuits, now there are eight. Then there were only eleven members and 193 probationers but there are now 366 altogether. The collections have increased from $146 to $275.

There are several places where new work should be opened, but the preachers are now too few for our members hence we cannot start work in these new places. The Ing-chung circuit has two preaching places, one in the large village just outside the city and one at Liong-cui Ding. In the early part of the year a great storm did much damage at the latter place but they are all right now. Four persons have been received into the church at that place.

The W. F. M. S. have a school at Daik-hua and also a Bible-woman to work among the women. There have been two baptisms. The church at Dai-cheng has been completed. Some of the members have been rebellious but these have been expelled. The educated people of the place are friendly and speak well of us. Some twenty persons have been added to the church and some come as far as twenty miles to attend service and we are grateful to see their zeal.

We have church property at Tö-nguong and there have been some additions during the year. Several places in this vicinity have sent invitations to us to come and preach to them, but we have not the men to open the work.

At Ngu-lö four persons have been baptized and received into the church and opportunities for preaching are good. The city of Ing-ang is

very inviting but it is very distant and hard to reach, but if a preacher were stationed there his labor would not be in vain.

At Meng-ngu one new appointment has been added and the members are doing well. There have been four additions to the church. The Hu-iong circuit has had the Rev. R. L. McNabb as resident missionary. He has been very earnest in his work and active in his efforts to build up the church in the three countries of Ing-chung, Daik-hua and Dai-cheng. He has opened a Boys' Boarding School, and Theological training class to prepare sowers of the seed.

Unfortunately Mrs. McNabb has been sick and could not help much. She is now much better. Surely to those who are zealous in the Lord's work he adds his blessing. There is some activity on the Ing-chung circuit and I hope the work will be more prosperous next year.

IONG BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, P.E.

This district is over 800 miles in length and very hard to travel. At Iong-bing city there has been no special change, but about twenty-seven miles from the city, one person has been added to the church by baptism

At Sung-chiong the hearers are very numerous but the believers are few. At Sä-gaing there have been some additional inquirers.

The opportunities at Hu-ngnong have been good. A new church has been built and the people are active. In the 15th Township the work is fairly prosperous The 50th Township circuit has done well. Another appointment has been added and there has been some increase in the contributions.

The Iu-kä circuit is divided into two preaching places with one preacher. The progress might be greater if there were two preachers instead of one. At Ciong-hu-huang not much has been done, but in a village seventeen miles distant one family has accepted Christianity.

On the district, fifteen persons have been baptized and received into the church. Letters have been given to eight. Two have been expelled, two have died, so there are three more than last year. We feel ashamed to say that the collections have been less than last year.

If the district could have a resident missionary to stir up the preachers we might hope for better results another year.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.

Rev. M. C. Wilcox, P.E.

In presenting my sixth annual report as Presiding Elder of this district I would, at the outset, render thanks to God for the rich grace that has crowned with success the labors of his servants—native and foreign. These six years have shown a constant increase in interest and in accessions to the church. Especially is this true of the period since Ku-cheng city became the home of missionaries.

Hitherto the principal success has been on the country circuits while in Ku-cheng, the capital of the leading civil district, many have gone forth weeping and bearing the precious seed but have been apparently doomed never to come again with rejoicing, bearing their sheaves with them. But the seed which faithful workers have so long been sowing has been neither lost nor forgotten and now the glad time of reaping has begun. The church in Ku-cheng has this year more than doubled its number of members and probationers.

Let us notice briefly some of the agencies which aside from the more direct evangelistic work have contributed to this result:—

Important among these are the Woman's School and the Girl's School of the W. F. M. S. in charge of Miss Hartford who has been ably assisted this year by Rev. Ding Ung Tiu and others.

Equally prominent is the medical work of which Dr. Gregory is the superintendent. In this work he is assisted by a class of students who are taught by himself; Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Wilcox and the writer also having given instruction in branches allied to the medical studies. The patients in the hospital are brought under the influence of the native chaplain and have as a rule returned to their homes favorably disposed to Christianity. Quite a number have also professed conversion.

Another important agency, the Boys' Boarding School, has maintained its high literary standing and its positive Christian influence. Rev. Ding Hing Ong and Rev. Ling Seü Chüng have done good work. I have also taught part of the time in this school.

Still another of these agencies is a school for women and girls established in a neglected quarter of the city by Mrs. Wilcox, the salary of the teacher being paid by young people of the First M. E. Church, Aurora, Illinois. This enterprise has already borne fruit in a number of conversions and is an example of what may be done without further burdening the missionary societies.

The congregations in the city so increased as to render necessary an enlargement of the chapel near the beginning of the year. Recently additional alterations have nearly doubled its seating capacity and further enlargement is impracticable. As the present capacity of the chapel will

doubtless soon be occupied, it will be highly advisable in the near future to establish another place of public worship in the eastern part of the city.

Most of the country circuits have also enjoyed marked prosperity. It has been necessary to enlarge a majority of the chapels on account of increasing congregations. At Gō-iong, Ding-sang and Huang-kang we have secured on mortgage leases good buildings for chapels. We have at last succeeded in renting a suitable house at Chong-tau, where the work has advanced. Dio-â has had another good year. Dong-huang has shown some improvement.

Duai-giang has done fairly well. The people there are apparently reconciled to having the new chapel in their midst. It will be necessary soon to secure a larger place of worship. Ku-de has had another prosperous year.

The large Liang-tau circuit has had another good year. The fourth quarterly conference asked to have it divided.

Lō-kang circuit made the same request. The problem will be how to supply Huang-de-iong where the Giong-ning dialect is spoken. Lō-kang village has had more prosperity than for many years. The chapel is crowded every Sunday.

Sek-baik-du has had a fair degree of success. Seng-iong circuit has enjoyed much greater prosperity than last year. Seng-lëng circuit has done fairly well.

The boys' day schools show some improvement over last year. Pray for all departments of the work on this district.

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X.—MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

GEO. B. SMYTH, *President.*

It gives me much pleasure to report that, on the whole, the past year has been a prosperous one, notwithstanding some unusual drawbacks.

Never before, in any one year, have there been so many changes among the teachers, both foreign and native. Mr. Smyth was in poor health when he presented his report to the Conference last year, and early in January was obliged to return to America. Thus the school has been deprived, not only of the full time of one teacher, but also of the careful supervision which he had so unsparingly given to it.

During the first half of the year, Mr. Lacy, also, was unable to take his classes, owing to impaired health and additional work which fell on him in consequence of Mr. Smyth's return home, but this term we rejoice in that he is able to take up teaching again.

Soon after the close of Conference, last year, Rev. Ding Heng Mi, our efficient Monitor for seven years, was obliged to leave us on account of failing health. He had been growing weaker and weaker for a long time, but the fatherly care which he had exercised over the students and the affectionate regard with which they reciprocated, made us loth to give him up. But when the day of his leaving us could be delayed no longer, we bade him good-bye with hearts grateful for all he had done for the school, and with the hope, that freed from such responsibility he might be spared for some years yet. His strength was nearer spent than we knew, for late in March, he peacefully passed on to his reward in the home above.

Our new Monitor, Rev. Ngoi Siong U, was a personal friend of Mr. Heng Mi, and heartily recommended by him, and we trust that he too may win the affection and esteem of the students as his predecessor did before.

Two of our Chinese teachers have left us: one has gone to the Girls' Boarding School, and the other to Singapore as assistant editor of a Chinese newspaper. Their places have been filled by degree men bringing good recommendations as Chinese scholars, and we have every reason to expect they will prove good teachers.

Amid all these changes, the regular work of the College has gone on satisfactorily. The teachers have spared no pains to give to the classes under them careful instruction, and the students, with few exceptions, have in their turn showed a desire to advance which has made teaching a pleasure. Each of the eight classes has had at least two recitations daily with a foreign teacher, and some have had more. The remainder of the English teaching has been done by two of our graduates now employed as teachers.

The Chinese teachers, desiring to give the students every inducement to do their best in Chinese, have been holding monthly examinations, much like those held in Chinese colleges in the City. Half a day every month is given up to the composition of Chinese essays, poems, letter writing &c.,— the result of these examinations being made public.

At the beginning of the present year Mandarin was added to our course of study, as it was believed that our students would be able to take better positions if they were able to speak Mandarin as well as English. No one is required to take it, but any student in the collegiate department is privileged to do so by paying the nominal sum of $2.00 a year.

Systematic religious instruction has been given throughout the year to all the students in Bible classes under Miss Bosworth and Mr. Ngoi. The Y. M. C. A. has held meetings every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after which several of the students have gone with Mr. Miner to teach in the Sunday School at Su-liang Dong. Some students have gone also with Mr. Lacy and Miss Bosworth to help in the "ragged" Sunday School at Cing-sing Dong. Although this means something of sacrifice to those who engage in it, thus giving up their Sunday afternoon, yet we have no doubt that the good they thus do to others will prove a blessing to them as well.

At the close of the term ending in January, we graduated one student, a Christian young man, having a good standing in all his studies. During his last term as student, he taught one or two classes very acceptably, and after his graduation he was offered a position as teacher,—part of the day teaching in the College and part in the Theological School. This he accepted; and, besides, he is doing good work in translating for the Christian Advocate.

We have had 107 different names on our roll this year,—the largest number in any one year since the opening of the school. About two thirds of these live in the dormitory under our constant care, while the remainder either live at home or in the home of some responsible friend, coming in as day scholars. We might have had even more, only some who applied for admission failed to pass their Chinese examination for entrance.

With this large number of students, we should now be greatly cramped for recitation room, but for the residence erected during this year, providing a home for the president, thus leaving the large building, which was on the grounds when the property was purchased, free for school purposes.

I must not close this report without mentioning the names of those who have so heartily co-operated with me in this work in Mr. Smyth's absence:—Mr. and Mrs. Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Miner, and Miss Bosworth, besides two of our graduates, Ding Maing Ing and Hö Tieng Ceng. Mr. Miner, Miss Bosworth and Ding Maing Ing have given a full day's work in the class-room, and each of the others has given quite as much time as they had strength for, with the other demands made on their time, and I take this opportunity to thank them publicly.

That this year has been a prosperous one is due to the fact that *all* the teachers have worked together for the best good of the College, trusting in Him who is powerful to overcome all difficulties. That the coming year may be the best year in the history of the College, we ask the members of this Conference to help it as you have opportunity in any and every way, and above all we ask you to pray that the Anglo-Chinese College may be a great power in leading young men to Christ, and in training them to take their places in this Empire as intelligent, Christian men.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE H. SMYTH.

THE FOOCHOW THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

J. H. WORLEY, *Principal.*

Eighteen new students were admitted this year and several who failed to pass the required examination were rejected. The day is past when we have to accept inferior students to fill our halls and recruit the ranks of the ministry. Our greatest need is not more and better students,

but larger accommodations for the rapidly increasing number of superior young men who are seeking preparation for the Christian ministry. This indicates a healthy growth in the Church, and more thorough work in day and boarding schools.

We are expecting a still larger number next year. Several young literary men of high families, one of whom is a first degree man, are expecting to apply for admission at the next examination. If the General Committee grant the money to purchase the W. F. M. S. School building for the Boys' Boarding School, we shall utilize the rooms occupied by this school and thus make room for new students and furnish better facilities for teaching.

Though we who are engaged in this school have had much extra work, no department has materially suffered, and the students have made commendable progress. We are planing for an extra teacher next year which will enable us to do the work more thoroughly and under less strain The students have rendered efficient service in preaching and evangelistic work in the various chapels, hospital and day schools.

We have been fortunate in securing several able speakers for special lectures. Their addresses were highly appreciated by the students, teachers and others who attended. Those who have served in this capacity and merited our sincere thanks are, Rev. H. B. Ridgaway, D.D., President Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ills., U.S.A., Rev. S. L. Gracey, D.D., U. S. Consul and Rev. R. L. McNabb, A.M.

THE HING-HUA THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

W. N. Brewster, *Principal.*

This school has not yet closed the second year of its history. Considering the shortness of the time, and previous inexperience of all the teachers in this kind of work, we can report a year of marked progress.

All the twelve students of last year returned after the new year, and out of over twenty applicants we selected fifteen new ones as giving promise of becoming useful preachers of the Word. The students have nearly all done faithful work.

The task of making a course of study, and forming proper rules to govern the students, and adopting right methods of instruction, has been by no means an easy one; and we have made enough progress on these lines to give us ground to believe that in a reasonably short time we will have a well regulated and well equipped training school for native preachers in Hing-hua.

These students are nearly all past twenty years of age, and several are past thirty. They are given practical work in street preaching being divided into bands of five or six, and each band, accompanied by one of the teachers, goes out for open air preaching once a week. Besides this nearly all go out

in groups Sunday afternoons. Several of the more experienced have regular appointments to which they go Saturday afternoons.

Our chief aim is to lead these young men into a clear knowledge of Christ as Saviour and Sanctifier; and to form high moral character. Last May and June we had a most gracious revival, in which the Theological School shared richly. This will mean more to the future usefulness of these young men than all the instruction they have received, important though that is.

The staff of teachers has been increased during the year. Rev. Hü Caik Hang was appointed monitor, by Bishop Mallalieu, in connection with his work as pastor of the city circuit. Although his time and strength have been thus divided, yet he has rendered valuable service; and we hope that he may be relieved of the pastorate at this conference, so as to give his entire time to this important work.

Also Mr. Na Ging Ci, a 1st degree graduate, of high reputation as a teacher here in the city, who became a Christian over a year ago, and who taught for several months last year in the Boys' Boarding School, has been instructor in the native classics since last March, rendering very satisfactory service.

Rev. Ding Hie Ung has taught this term a class in Church history. Our Presiding Elder Rev. Li Diong Cui has assisted in many ways by counsel, taking classes for sick or absent teachers; and takes a deep interest in all that concerns the schools.

Rev. Deng Ching Gong who was the only native teacher last year, is as indispensable as ever, and has done much heavy work during the year.

One of the chief events of the year was the securing of a large and admirably located property for the home of the school. It is an ancestral hall, and was secured only after long and difficult litigation. But we are now in peaceful possession.

Statistics of the Hing-hua Theological School for the year ending November 1893.

Number of foreign missionaries...		1
,, native teachers giving entire time to the school...	2	
,, native teachers giving part time to the school...	2	
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,, students enrolled		28

THE FOOCHOW BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

MRS. G. L. WORLEY, *Principal.*

We have had enrolled 54 students during the year and might have had many more if our accommodations had not been so limited. The

school has been so crowded, six students have slept in one room and the Church has been turned into a recitation room. This has been our greatest drawback; but we hope soon to be in a larger building. An estimate has been made to purchase the W. F. M. S. school building and the ladies are willing to sell, so there is little doubt the money will be granted as this is one of our most urgent cases.

We were fortunate in securing, in part, the services of Mr. Hō Tieng Ceng, a graduate of the College, to teach geography and other foreign studies.

Under the careful supervision of Dr. Sia Sek Ong and two Christian teachers, a wholesome religious influence has pervaded the school, and most of the students have done good work.

This school is preparatory to the College and Theological school and is very important and should receive generous aid. Next year, in enlarged quarters, we ought to have over a hundred students, and we shall introduce improvements which have been impossible during the past year.

G. L. Worley.

THE HING-HUA BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

W. N. Brewster, *Principal.*

This school has had anything but an easy time this year. At the opening last spring, we were disappointed about securing enlarged quarters, so that at the last moment we had to rent what we could get; and for one term the school slept in two different places, had its dining room in recitation rooms, and part recited in still another place. But this term it has been much more compactly located, and has been making marked progress. We have just succeeded in leasing a large, well-located property, just east of our present compound, for its permanent home; and we have great hopes for the future of the school.

A fixed course of study for the future has occupied a good deal of our time and attention this fall; and some progress has been made in this important work.

The two teachers Nä Chöng So and Sang Gëh Döng have been doing good work under difficult circumstances. Rev. Ding Hie Ung taught geography and the Romanized the first term very successfully.

The school is thoroughly examined every month. We find this a stimulus to both teachers and pupils.

None but Christian teachers are employed in any of our schools, and we aim to make the moral and spiritual teaching prominent and effective.

Statistics of the Hing-hua Boys Boarding School for the year ending November 1893.

Number of native teachers, full time	2
,, ,, part time	1
,, scholars enrolled	42

ING-CHUNG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

R. L. McNabb, *Principal.*

When I was appointed in charge of Ing-chung District, Bishop Mallalieu told me to open a "Boys Boarding School" as soon as possible. But I found myself confronted with the fact that there was no money appropriated for a "Boys' Boarding School." What was I to do? At the end of the first quarter, when the seven "Boys' Day Schools" were examined we found that the Schools were doing very inferior work. I reported this fact to the "Executive Committee" at Foochow and was instructed to close the schools and use the balance of the "Boys' Day School" money to open one good "Boys' Boarding School," with the understanding that next year the "Boys' Day Schools" should be reorganized and put on a better basis. I followed the instruction of the Committee and on the 1st day of March (13th of the 2nd moon) the "Ing-chung Boys' Boarding School" was opened in the village of Hu-iong. The closing of the "Boys' Day Schools" caused some friction and some persons, who blamed the Presiding Elder for closing the Schools, commenced to persecute him. If any one should be persecuted the Executive Committee and myself should come in for our full share. The Presiding Elder simply did as we told him to do and hence is not to blame for the schools being closed. These schools were doing very inferior work and hence deserved to be closed. If we open any Boys' Day Schools in future it will be with the distinct understanding that they are to do better work than these old schools.

The Boys' Boarding School has had a fairly successful year. All the room is taken and if we accommodate the students that desire to enter the school next year we must have larger quarters. There are three young men in the Boarding School, that are studying theology. We hope next year to open a Theological School to accommodate these students and the ten or fifteen other young men who desire to study theology.

Our plans for the Boys' Boarding School include a Manual-Training Department in which the students who may so desire, can earn enough to pay their school expenses, and at the same time learn a useful trade. We are planning to secure the services of a distinguished literary graduate, who will become the head teacher in the school. The students receive instruction in both Christian and native books. We hope to secure a teacher to teach Western Sciences and thus put the school on a par with the best Boarding Schools. Rev. Ngoi Gi Lang and Ceng Cong Ming have greatly assisted in the work of the School.

KUCHENG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

M. C. Wilcox, *Principal.*

Last year I omitted to report that at Kucheng we had rented for five years a large, convenient building for a Boys' Boarding School. On

account of sickness and other imperative reasons a few students have left us, but we now have twenty-three in regular attendance. Seven of these are sons of preachers and seven are exhorters.

The teachers are Rev. Ding Hiong Cing, a native B.A., and Rev. Ling Sëü Chung. Both have faithfully discharged the duties of their office. Being absent from home much of the time, I often leave the school for somewhat extended periods in charge of Rev. Ding Hiong Cing, who never needs watching. During part of the year I have taught the advanced classes Sheffield's Universal History. The students have all appeared eager to learn concerning the nations of the West as well as those of Asia.

The students and teachers are all active members of the Kucheng Society of Christian Endeavor. Every Sabbath afternoon preaching services in the school building are attended by many besides the students. These highly educated teachers are doing an excellent work among the literary men.

Were it not for the somewhat rigid entrance examination and the rule allowing help to none but sons of preachers, the attendance would be quickly doubled. But these excellent regulations should not be changed.

At its recent session the Kucheng District Conference unanimously asked that local preachers and exhorters intending to study for the ministry be organized into a preparatory class of this Boarding School and be aided as similar students are at Foochow. I most heartily endorse this request and hope it may soon be granted.

THE FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.

WM. H. LACY, *Superintendent.*

During the past year over fourteen million pages of Christian literature have gone forth from this fountain, in rich streams of healing for this nation. This is an increase of about a million and a quarter of pages over the work of last year.

Our six presses have been running constantly, and for several months two of them have been working day and night. Although the profits on our work are very small, still we are able to add somewhat to our capital every year. I am in hopes that by the end of this year we shall have sufficient funds in hand to secure such a cylinder press as we greatly need for our work.

The Chinese paper edition of the Colloquial Bible, finished less than two years ago, was almost exhausted in twelve months, and a new edition, now nearing completion, will add several million pages to the figures of work done as summarized below.

In December last we began work in the newly opened branch office at Hinghua, under the direction of Bro. Brewster. This was made necessary by the difficulties of communication, and the lack of a proof reader at

Foochow familiar with the Hing-hua dialect. We are there printing in the Romanized Colloquial the Scriptures and Christian tracts as fast as the manuscript can be prepared.

The Fuhkien Christian Advocate.

The circulation of the Advocate during the year has kept up to the high mark attained last year. The large number of subscribers which have been secured on the Hing-hua and Ing-chung districts, proves that a great advancement might be made all over the Conference if the pastors, presiding elders and missionaries would systematically push the circulation as has been done on those two districts. The editorial assistance of Dr. Sia Sek Ong has been invaluable. Mrs. Smyth deserves great credit for her efficient work on the paper during the absence of Bro. Smyth in America the past year, and our thanks are due her for the promptness with which she has furnished the "copy" to the printers.

The Child's Paper.

The Siu-hai Nguok Bō now has a circulation of 1050 copies per month, being an increase of seventy-five per cent during the past two years. Miss Newton of the A. B. C. F. M. Mission, and Miss Bonafield of our own W. F. M. S. alternately vie with each other in its preparation.

Printing done.

The work of the Press during the year may be summarized as follows:—

	Volumes.	*Pages.*
Scriptures,	24,100	6,904,600
Books: Tracts, etc.	160,980	6,482,780
Sheets: Tracts, etc.	.....	814,010
	185,080	14,201,390

Of this amount we have printed for our Methodist Societies as follows:—

M. E. Tract Society.	*Volumes.*	*Pages.*
Books,	37,400	2,127,000
Sheets,	.....	64,800
	37,400	2,191,800
M. E. Sunday School Union.		
Books,	21,880	593,680
Sheets,	.....	52,150
	21,880	645,830

FUHKIEN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

SIA SEK ONG, *Assistant Editor.*

Soon after the last conference, Mr. Smyth returned to America and left much of the responsibility of the paper upon me. Though absent he frequently has sent western news to be translated for the paper. This shows that though he is absent in body his heart is always with us. We thank Mrs. Smyth especially, and Hö Tieng Ceng for preparing the western news, Mr. Lau Mieng Ngu for preparing the native news, Mr. Lacy for promptly circulating the paper, and Mr. Brewster, missionary in Hinghua, for his extra diligence in sucuring subscribers for the paper. We also thank the brethren in various places who have sent us news, especially mentioning our friends in Swatow who have thus helped us.

During the year that has passed I have had many cares and I fear I have not fully discharged my duty in this work. Let me again thank Mrs. Smyth and the Editor of the paper and the others who have mutually assisted me in this work with their whole strength and sympathy. Although some things in the paper may not be perfectly satisfactory, yet as an evidence that it is better than it formerly was we note that there are now 1,800 copies published monthly.

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XI.—REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I.—MARRIAGE AND BETROTHAL.—Resolved:

1.—That if a member of the conference marries or betroths himself to a non-christian it shall be deemed an offence for which he may be tried and located by the conference.

2.—Whenever a probationer does the same he should be discontinued.

3.—Whenever a local preacher or exhorter employed under the elder does the same he shall be dismissed.

4.—Whenever a student in a Theological school shall do this he shall be dismissed from the school.

5.—Whenever a local preacher or exhorter shall do so, his licence shall not be renewed by the succeeding district conference.

Provided, however, that the above rules shall not apply to cases when the betrothal was made by parents or guardians during his childhood.

II.—Ing-chung Churches.—Whereas the proprietors of the stores that are in the Ing-chung, Daik-hua and Chiah-cui churches have been duly notified to remove said stores and have thus far refused to heed this notification.

Therefore we hereby give to the Missionary in charge and Presiding Elder authority to enforce the will of the Foochow Conference and have the stores removed by the end of this Chinese year at the latest.

N. J. PLUMB,
Secretary.

EDUCATION.

The recommendations of the committee last year we most heartily endorse and are glad to note that some of them have been followed to advantage. The importance of some we emphasize and hope they may be carried out. We also call your attention to some new phases of our educational work.

1.—Day-school teachers should be required to pass an examination before the quarterly conference.
2.—Salaries of day-school teachers should not be paid unless the quarterly reports of examination of students are signed by the presiding elder.
3.—Christian teachers should be employed in all our schools as far as possible.
4.—The imperative need of a new building for the Foochow boys' boarding school is apparent.
5.—There should be a good boarding school with suitable buildings in every presiding elders district.
6.—The Theological School ought to have a Mandarin teacher.
7.—Let all our pastors urge the parents to give their children, as far as possible, a good education.
8.—As far as possible courses of study for boys' and girls' boarding schools should correspond.

J. H. WORLEY,
Chairman.

U SIU E,
Secretary.

TEMPERANCE.

The committee on temperance, after due deliberation, would make the following report:—

We are glad that our people stand in the first rank of those who are endeavoring to overthrow the great evil of intemperance. Methodist Chris-

tians are not only waging a warfare against the use of wine and opium but are also dealing heavy blows against the filthy tobacco habit.

Even though this is true yet we find there is room for improvement, hence we make the following recommendations :—

1.—That the wine and opium habits, which bring sins against God and man, should be wholly eradicated from the ministry and membership of the Church; that we also earnestly beseech all our ministers to desist from the use of tobacco; and furthermore that no person be admitted on trial in the conference who is addicted to any of these habits.

2.—That the use of wine, opium and tobacco be absolutely prohibited in all our schools of learning.

3.—That none but unfermented wine be used in the celebration of the Lord's supper. We would also suggest that "The Mission Press" keep a supply of unfermented wine, so that our people can secure it for sacramental purposes.

4 —That all our Christians desist from the unchristian custom of using wine in the marriage ceremony and at marriage and other feasts.

5.—That wherever practicable "Temperance and Anti-opium Societies" be organized with the expressed end in view of helping to destroy the deadly evil of intemperance; also that the children of our Sunday Schools be organized into bands and thoroughly instructed concerning the necessity of leading lives of chastity, cleanliness and sobriety.

6.— That Temperance mass-meetings be frequently held in all our circuits, at which times special efforts should be put forth to reach and save the fallen and help the slaves to wine, opium and tobacco to free themselves from these evils.

HUONG DAIK CHIONG,
Chairman.

SIEK SEK DIONG,
Secretary.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature beg leave to report.

1.—We recommend that a work on Homiletics, formerly used in the Theological School, be translated and printed for the use of our preachers.

2.—We urge the early publication of our Discipline.

3.—We repeat our request of last year for the publication in sheet form of the Apostle's creed, Ten commandment, &c.

4.—We urge the translation and publication of some new work on the subject of Christian holiness.

5.—The Bible Hand Book recently published we recognize as a very useful work and hope all who can will carefully peruse its contents.

N. J. PLUMB,
Chairman.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Your committee have been given a very important work to consider, and it deserves the most careful attention. We have examined the reports of this Committee in former years, and find that their recommendations have been excellent.

There are two methods of self-support. (1) The Pauline, that is the preacher supporting himself and at the same time preaching the Gospel. (2) The congregation supporting their pastor, without aid from the Missionary Society.

Unfortunately only a few of our Churches have thus far attained self-support. It it our humble opinion that the changing of a few of our methods would greatly aid in this matter.

1.—The preachers that are not willing to work, and are inefficient should not receive the full support. The employment of such men should be left for the annual conference to decide.

2.—All self-supporting churches should pay their pastor $4 per month, his wife $2 and $1 for each child.

3.—All the conference preachers should receive the same support, and the Missionary Society allowance should not be reduced until the amount raised by the church together with the Missionary money, reaches that amount.

4.—We recommend that the Chinese presiding elder salary be provided by the Missionary Society at the rate of $4. $2 and $1. at least, if possible more; and that his travelling expenses be provided by the churches.

5.—The circuits that are able and willing to be entirely self-supporting should be allowed to choose their pastor, if it is possible without injury to other important interests. If the man chosen is a local preacher, they should request the missionary and presiding elder to appoint him.

6.—The circuits that are self-supporting should have especial attention paid to them by the missionary, and presiding elder, that the subscriptions may be regularly collected, so that the pastor will not suffer from being behind in his salary.

7.—We recommend that in the moving of preachers from one circuit to another, that the Missionary Society provide for boat and chairs; and that the loads be carried or provided for by the church members. But in the case of moving from one district to another, where the distance is great, the missionary and presiding elder should consider the case separately and provide for the loads as far as is necessary.

W. N. BREWSTER,
Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Some of the items in the report adopted on this subject by the conference last year were very important and we beg to call your attention to that report as printed in the Minutes.

To encourage Sabbath observance every pastor should carefully watch his probationers as to their faithfulness in this matter. If they do not sacredly observe it, they should not be received into the church.

Pastors should urge their members, especially the official members, to assist and encourage the weak hearted members in the observance of the Sabbath, especially looking after the probationers. The spare hours of the Sabbath might be profitably spent in looking up the absentees and exhorting them to faithfulness.

Members who observe the Sabbath when convenient, and neglect it at pleasure, cannot receive the rewards promised in the Scriptures.

Let not members think they can properly observe the Sabbath without attending the services in the Lord's house. They need this as well as their private and family devotions.

Preachers should preach at least once a quarter on the subject, "Sabbath Observance in relation to Salvation," for the instruction of their members.

If this report be adopted we request that it be printed at once for distribution throughout all the circuits of the conference.

DING SOI LING,
Secretary.

W. H. LACY,
Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools believing that the recommendations contained in the report of this committee which was adopted at the last session of the conference are most excellent, would recommend that that report be reenacted by the conference this year, and that further efforts should be made to put into force the rules and suggestions therein contained.

M. C. WILCOX,
Chairman.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

We beg to recommend that the following persons be claimants on the Conference fund, and that the Treasurer of the Aid Society be authorized to pay them the amounts affixed to their names.

Mrs. Ling Cing Ding $1.70, Mrs. Sie Huo Mi $1.70, Mrs. Hü Iong Mi $2.50, Mrs. Dang Ging Dong $1.70, Mrs. Ding Neng Ciek $3.00, Mrs. Uong Ding Hok $2.50, Mrs. Daing Guang Ing $2.30, Li Hok Ming and Li Hok Tai $3.00, total $18.40 per month, being $220.80 for the year.

J. H. WORLEY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MORPHINE.

Your Committee appointed to consider Dr. Gregory's paper on the evils resulting from the use of Morphine would respectfully report as follows:—

1.—According to this paper a large number of persons belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church are engaged in buying and selling morphine as a remedy for the opium habit.

2.—The paper directs attention to the strict laws regulating the sale of morphine in western countries.

3.—The paper states that though morphine is derived from opium, it is far stronger; that its use induces the opium habit, and that it causes many suicides and accidental deaths.

4.—Safe and effectual remedies for the opium habit are recommended in the paper, which states that using morphine to cure the opium habit is like using alcohol to cure drunkeness.

5.—In view of these and other facts we are strongly of the opinion that no person connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church should in any manner deal in morphine.

6.—In harmony with the paper before us we recommend that after January 1st of the next Chinese year, any preacher or member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, found guilty before a committee, of buying, selling or giving away morphine, either alone or compounded with other ingredients, shall be expelled from said Church.

7.—We respectfully request that a committee of three be appointed by this Conference to confer with similar committees of the Church Missionary Society and American Board Missions and devise means for eradicating the morphine evil from our respective communions.

8.—[Amendment added by the Conference]. Any person who persists in buying morphine, even as an anodyne, without a prescription from a foreign physician, shall be expelled from the Church.

M. C. WILCOX,
Chairman.

XII.—APPENDIX.

WILEY MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Inasmuch as we stand greatly in need of a larger church than Tieng Ang Dong to accommodate our increasing congregations, and as it is the sense of the missionaries in Foochow that Tieng Ang Dong should be converted into a Theological school, the W. F. M. S. school building bought for the boys' boarding school, and a Wiley Memorial Church built on the ground now occupied by Residence No. 2, therefore,

Resolved that we as a Conference do what we can in raising money to build such a memorial church; that we pray Bishop Foster and Dr. Leonard to put this matter on their hearts and transfer it to the hearts of the home church;

That we ask Rev. M. C. Wilcox, when at home, to present this church enterprise to the congregations he addresses and raise if possible $10,000 to build a living monument in honor of our sainted Bishop, who breathed his last in the house which stands on the ground where we propose to build the church.

G. S. MINER.
J. H. WORLEY.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Whereas—We believe that one of the great needs of the Methodist Missions of China is greater unity of action and of organization; therefore,

Resolved—1. That we favor the organization by all the Methodist Episcopal Missions of China of a Central Conference, as provided in the Discipline;

Resolved—2. That a Committee of five, three foreign and two native members of the conference be appointed to correspond with the other missions with power to act for the conference in arranging for a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Central Conference.

W. N. BREWSTER.
W. H. LACY.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY,
IN ACCOUNT WITH
WM. H. LACY, TREASURER.

Dr.

1892-1893. Mexicans.		
To Balance due Treasurer Nov. 10. 1892		$ 76.12
,, Claims on Conference Fund, paid as follows:—		
Mrs. Daing Guang Ing, for last year	$36.00	
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, this ,, ...	27.60	
,, Dang Ging Dong ,, ,, ,, ...	18.00	
,, Ding Neng Ciek ,, ,, ,, ...	24.00	
,, Ling Cing Ding ,, ,, ,, ...	18.00	
,, Sie Huo Mi ,, ,, ,, ...	20.40	
,, Uong Ding Hok ,, ,, ,, ...	26.40	
Rev. and Mrs. Hü Iong Mi for this year ...	54.00	
Li Hok Ming and Brother ,, ,, ,, ...	30.00	254.40
To Loan No. 18, ...	$400.00	
,, ,, 19, ...	350.00	
,, ,, 20, ...	200.00	
,, ,, 21, ...	225.00	1,175.00
		1,505.52

Cr.

By Book Concern Dividend for 1885, $56 gold at 69 ...		81.16
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1892, $381.94 gold at 69		553.53
,, Foochow Mission Press Dividend.....		50.00
,, Draft on Chartered Fund $25 gold at 68¼		36.63
,, Interest on Loan No. 14		6.00
,, ,, ,, Daily Balances in H. & S. Bank		3.73
,, Loans Nos. 15, 16, 17 and interest received		757.62
Balance due Treasurer, Nov. 15, 1893.....		16.85
		$1,505.52

Outstanding Loans.

To Loan No,	7 $ 50,	No	8 $200,	
,, ,, ,,	9 400,	,,	11 800,	
,, ,, ,,	12 350,	,,	13 300,	
,, ,, ,,	14 50,	,,	18 400,	
,, ,, ,,	19 350,	,,	20 200,	$2,825.00
,, ,, ,,	21 225.			

Examined and found correct,
J. H. WORLEY,
President

WM. H. LACY,
Treasurer.

PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

Your committee appointed to enquire into the methods of administering the financial affairs of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society beg leave to report that they find that during the past few years less care has been exercised over the matter of lending money on native security than was formerly done, on the part of those entrusted with the funds of the society. This has been due to the fact that while it was the duty of those members of the Board of Trustees residing near Foochow to carefully examine into every loan made and satisfy themselves that the deeds and notes offered for security were quite satisfactory, they have really paid little attention to the matter, leaving all the business of fixing the loans, judging of security and collecting interest, in the hands of the Secretary, in whose judgment they had confidence. This was all well enough, so long as no losses were sustained; but recently some of the funds invested have been jeopardized and complaints have been made. The secretary has, however, most fortunately for the society, made three propositions to the Board by either of which all of the principal and some interest will be secured; and your committee has recommended the Board to accept one of those proposals and thus prevent what otherwise might prove a much greater loss.

They also recommend that the following rules be adopted and strictly observed to prevent losses in the future.

1.—The Board of Trustees should appoint a committee of five of their number residing in or near Foochow, at least three of whom must be present when any loan is made, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine deeds, notes, &c., and satisfy themselves of the validity of all securities offered. The treasurer shall have power to place money in the bank when it is not otherwise in use.

2.—When real-estate is offered as security the value should always be at least double the amount of the loan, in good property.

3.—When money is loaned in large sums there should be first mortgage security on real-estate, but when loaned in smaller sums notes duly signed and stamped and with reliable personal security may be taken. In case the committee do not adhere to the above regulations they are to be held responsible for any losses that may occur.

4.—The conference should annually appoint a committee to examine into the affairs of the society.

We also recommend that a committee be appointed at this conference to revise the constitution and prepare by-laws for adoption at the next session of the conference.

N. J. PLUMB,
Chairman.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR PREACHERS AND EXHORTERS.

1.—For Exhorter's license:

FOR EXAMINATION.

Bible Picture Book, by Mrs. Sites.
M. E Church rules 25.
„ „ Discipline 28-35.
Matthew.

FOR RECITATION.

Exodus 20, Aposties creed, Psalms 38, 46, 128. Matthew 13.

TO BE READ.

Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Pilgrim's Progress, Life of Wesley.

2.—Candidates for admission on trial:

FOR EXAMINATION.

Genesis, Matthew, John, Catechism with Illustrations.
Compend of Doctrine, Discipline, parts I. II.
Geography by Mrs. Baldwin, Arithmetic,
Elements of Geology, Buddhism by Dr. Edkins.

FOR RECITATION.

Job 38, Psalms 2, 24, 27, 50. Rom. 12, Eph. 3, Rev. 22.

TO BE READ.

Universal History Vol. I by D. Z. Sheffield.
China and her Neighbours, Y. J. Allen.
Prophecy Fulfilled in Christ.
Life of Wesley by Mrs. Sites, Wesley's Sermons by J. W. Lambuth.
Impromptu Preparation of a Sermon.

3.—Class of First Year:

FOR EXAMINATION.

Exodus, Joshua, Luke, Acts, 1 Pet., 2 Pet.
Compend of Theology Vol. I to Vol. II 4 ch.
Church History 1st part.
M. E. Church Discipline Parts 3-6.
Confucianism vs. Christianity.
Natural Theology, Vols. I. II. by A. Williamson.

FOR RECITATION.

Exodus 20, 2 Chron. 6, Psalms 32, 42, 84, 103. Mark 10, 2 Cor. 6., Eph. 6.

TO BE READ.

Life of Christ by A. Williamson.
Universal History Vols. II. III. IV.
Impromptu Preparation of a Sermon.

4.—Class of Second year:

FOR EXAMINATION.

Psalms 1-72, Mark, 1 Cor., 2 Cor. Gal. Eph. Phil. Col.
Church History 2nd part to end.
Compend of Theology Vol. II. 5 ch. to end.
Bible Hand Book O. T. 1st part by N. J. Plumb.
Physiology, Natural Theology.

FOR RECITATION.

Gen. 1, Job. 14, Psalms 19, 51, 90, 91. Matt. 5, 6, 7.

TO BE READ.

Universal History Vol. V. to end.
Civilization, Chinese and Christian, by E. Faber.
Impromptu Preparation of a Sermon.

5.—Class of Third Year:

FOR EXAMINATION.

Isaiah, 1 Tim. 2 Tim. Heb.
Evidences of Christianity Vol. 1 by W. A. P. Martin.
Bible Hand Book O. T. 2nd part.
Astronomy by Baldwin and Sites.
Manual for Native Evangelists by J. L. Nevius.
Christ and Confucius by W. Muirhead.

FOR RECITATION.

Proverbs 1-4, Eccle. 12, Isa. 35, 53. John 3, Gal. 5.

TO BE READ.

Ancient Religions and Philosophies by A. Williamson.
Ancestral Worship.
Doctrine of the Resurrection.
How to win souls, by Miss Sites.
Impromptu Preparation of a Sermon.

6.—Class of Fourth Year:

FOR EXAMINATION.

Ruth, Esther, Psalms 70 to the end, Daniel, Hosea, Romans, James.
Elements of Divinity by J. W. Lambuth.
Moral Philosophy by J. L. Whiting.
Bible Handbook, N. T.

FOR RECITATION.

Psalm 116, John 14-17.

TO BE READ.

How to Enrich a Nation by W. A. P. Martin.
Commentary on Mark by E. Faber.
Impromptu Preparation of a Sermon.

7.—For Local Orders:

In addition to the books studied by Exhorters the following:—
Arithmetic by O. Gibson, Elements of Physical Geography, by Mrs. C. C. Baldwin.
The Four Books, Chinese Classics.

8.—Local Preachers:

FIRST YEAR, FOR EXAMINATION.

Genesis Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts.
Church History 1st Vol.
Discipline 1st part.

FOR RECITATION.

Psalms 8, 15, 19, 37, 63, Isa. 12, 61, 1 Cor. 15.

TO BE READ.

Wesley's Sermons.

SECOND YEAR. FOR EXAMINATION.

Joshua, Esther, Gal. Eph. 1 and 2 Thes.
Nast's Catechism with Commentary.
Church Hist. 2nd Vol., Discipline 2nd part.

FOR RECITATION.

Matt. 5, 6, 7, John 3, 6, Rev. 21, 22.

TO BE READ.

Life of Wesley.

THIRD YEAR. FOR EXAMINATION.

Job. Psalms, Proverbs, 1 and 2 Timothy, 1 and 2 Cor.
Evidences of Christianity.

FOR RECITATION.

Isa. 44, 52, Matt. 27, 28, 1 Peter 1, Rev. 23.

TO BE READ.

Pilgrim's Progress, Three Principles by W. A. P. Martin.
Manual for Native Evangelists.

FOURTH YEAR. FOR EXAMINATION.

Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea, Habakkuk, Malachi.
Phil. Col. 1 Pet., 1 John, Rom. James.
Theological Compend, Church History, Geography of Palestine.

FOR RECITATION.

Luke 11, Rom. 5, 12, 1 Cor. 13, Gal. 5, Eph. 3, Phil. 3.

TO BE READ.

Parables of the Bible, Who is Jesus by Sia SekOng.

Deaconesses should pursue the same studies as those for Exhorters and the 1st and 2nd year of Local Preachers.

XIII.—W. F. M. S. REPORTS.

FOOCHOW GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

CARRIE I. JEWELL, JULIA BONAFIELD, L. A. WILKINSON.

Enrollment for	Spring Term;	Boarders	69,	Day Scholars	17,	Total 86.
,, ,,	Fall ,,	,,	79,	,,	6,	,, 85.
,, ,,	the whole year;	,,	87,	,,	18,	,, 105.

Of this enrollment, 95 were from Christian families, 28 are church members, 20 are probationers.

It is only by looking backwards, sometimes, that we learn how best to look forward with hope and trust. From reading some old reports, we learn the following about the Foochow Girls' Boarding School.

On November 28th, 1859, the first girls studied their first lessons, on the first day of the existence of this school. A very few girls, at first, then some were taken away, and others admitted, till at the close of the first year, though 15 had been admitted, only 8 remained. On the 9th of March, 1862, one of the pupils was baptized and received into the church. "This was the first fruit of a harvest of souls since reaped from the school."

In 1866 the enrollment was 26. Eight of these were church members. Two finished the five years course and went back into heathen homes, but with the light of the Gospel shining in their own hearts.

Some one wrote, in 1877, "'As they that watch for the morning,' has long been the experience of weary waiting on this Mission. 'The day breaketh,' may be given as its present one." In the Boarding School, that year, the enrollment was 31. There were 14 church members, of whom 11 were received on Christmas day, 1876. Up to this time, 33 had graduated from the school. Six were Day School teachers, and one was studying in the Hospital. A letter written at this time, by one of the girls, tells of her school life, and her work as assistant teacher. This girl married a preacher; her husband sits among you now. Two of her daughters are studying in the Boarding School; one of them has been there for five years.

In 1883, the school enrolled 30 pupils. The Misses Woolston had charge of the school from its beginning until the end of this year. They were there that first day with the first little scholar. All through these twenty-five years, they had watched and prayed and planned for the school.

Twice, while they visited America for rest, Mrs. Sites had nobly taken up their work, and carried it in addition to the duties which were already hers. How these three dear women taught and prayed and counseled, some of the mothers before us know far better than we can tell you. What memories yours hearts must have of their patience, industry and love!

But Misses Woolston went home, wearied with their many years of service. The French war came, the school was broken up. In the fall of 1884, it almost seemed as though a new beginning had to be made. When Misses Jewell and Fisher reached Foochow, November 17th, 1884, there were only seventeen girls in the school-room; before the year closed, however, old scholars had returned and new ones entered until the enrollment was 46. With two exceptions, there has been a steady increase in numbers, every year since.

You have heard the report we bring you for this year; an enrollment of 105 pupils, with a present attendance of 85. The school-house built in those early days, did not grow as fast as the girls did. In 1874 the building now occupied by the Woman's Training School was built. Here the Boarding School had its home for almost twenty years; the house built to hold 50 girls, was made to accomodate 60: while the yearly enrollment increased from 30 to 93. Now the school has again moved, to a school-house which, we thought, would surely be large enough for five years; and—it is full already.

Some time ago, the course of study was changed from five years to eight years; a new one has again been planned, which we hope will be of still greater benefit to our pupils: it divides the school into three grades, and requires ten years work before a diploma is granted.

Thirteen girls have graduated from the school since 1884. None were allowed to graduate until 1888. Another class went out in 1890. One girl graduated in last June; two others, however, almost finished the course.

There have been 230 different girls in the school, during these ten years. Some have attended a short time only, but many who did not graduate, have had from three to five years training. We know of 20 who are or have been teachers, and others will begin such work this fall; ten have studied medicine. Many more are earnest Christians, and may be engaged in Christian work.

Our work has been hindered this year by building, moving, and sickness. Yet it has been a very prosperous year. We have good teachers, who desire above all things, we believe, to be of true benefit to the girls. They are doing excellent work, and their pupils are trying their best to do these gentlemen credit. Our younger pupils are taught by four of our own girls, all of whom have studies of their own, part of the time. This is not the best plan for the little ones, but their teachers will do better work afterwards for the knowledge they themselves are gaining by this method.

Our Matron is very efficient; well beloved by both ladies and girls. What we should have done without her, these two years, we do not know!

Thank God, we did not need to know: for He gave her to us, in answer to prayer.

Sixteen of the pupils joined the Church on probation, the first of the year. All but one were small girls; this also, we know, was another special answer to prayer. All the older girls are Christians; we believe they know, in their own hearts, what it means to trust Christ as their personal Savior. We want them to give themselves completely to Him; that they may know, each day, what it means to have the indwelling presence of His Spirit.

Pray for these girls; pray for large and small! Sometimes we fear that our preachers, out on their circuits, forget this household in Foochow: and we do not gain the help that we would if you prayed for us daily.

We who have striven, as those ladies of other days, with many thoughts and earnest pleadings, to make our work among these girls, and their years of study in the school, of the *utmost* benefit to them, in all ways, have realized, many times, how weak we were; but how strong, how loving "Our Father" was. He sent to our help, last February, Miss Wilkinson, who has studied diligently, that she might as soon as possible, begin teaching in the school. We want, *you want*, *China must have*, trained workers from this school! Earnest-hearted, humble-spirited, valiant-souled young women, fitted in head and heart for any work to which the Master may call them. Will you help us pray for this?

Your Sister,

CARRIE I. JEWELL.

MEDICAL WORK.

M. E. CARLETON, M.D. E. M. LYON, M.D. L. M. MASTERS, M.D.

It is never best to look backward, when such a glance unfits us for a forward step; but to-day our glance back over the year fills us with so much courage that we will spend a moment looking over our shoulder on the path our Heavenly Father has so sweetly led us; so we begin our review of the year with this sublime motto "whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." May this be the key-note of this report as well as of our service the coming year.

We are happy to welcome Dr. Carleton to her Foochow home, to the work and to our hearts.

This is the first time in the history of the Women's and Children's Hospital at Foochow that three physicians have been on the field at once. For several years the need of three physicians has been greatly felt.

Heretofore the physicians (more often physician) in charge have had double work put upon them, thus making it impossible for them to find

time for the study of the language, a knowledge of which is necessary to be able to do the most efficient work.

With the growing age of an organized work it is to be expected that lines of usefulness will broaden and methods of work, become perfected. It is with profound gratitude to God that we can report greater advance in the work than last year. Never before have our students been so widely appreciated as at present; never have we had a more efficient class of students; never was our organization more complete, or our means of usefulness more varied than now. We feel strong in our corps of workers, and best of all God is with us. All this promises increased success for the future and gives us confidence that our labors have not been and will not be in vain.

Within the past year several changes have taken place. Miss Ella Johnson after five years of service decided to cast her lot on the side of the "majority" and last June was married to Dr. Kinnear of the American Board Mission, where we hope she may be spared to do many years of useful work.

In the wards the spring beds having proved unsatisfactory to the patients have been changed to the native bed-bottoms These springs are being sold and the money added to the sum previously so generously donated by the Foreign Community for furnishing of the wards.

The General Executive Committee of the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society have passed the following resolution: "The Womans' Foreign Missionary Society requests the Foochow Conference to appoint an examining Board who shall attend the Annual Examination of Missionary Medical Students and submit a report to the Conference, which shall be forwarded to the official correspondent of Foochow." We feel that this is a step in advance and will do much to raise the standard of our Medical Students in the eyes of the public.

We have our usual weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Several of the students from the Theological School have rendered us valuable assistance on Sunday afternoons. The students, servants, and convalescent patients attend the morning prayers.

It is impossible to accurately estimate the results of evangelistic work done in the Hospital. At first it is not always easy to interest the patients in Christian truth, and it is never forced upon them; but the kindness of the physicians and students win the hearts, and no one has shown permanent dislike to listen to the presentation of the truth. Daily evening prayers are held in the wards, and visits at the bed-side at such other times as may seem wise and practicable, to administer comfort as only a Christian woman can. We have printed texts, which are pasted on the back of picture cards. These are given to the patients to commit; after several text have been learned quite throughly a large picture card is given as a rewards. Our patients enjoy their work and give good attention to the explanation of the texts by our Bible-women, and we feel confident the results are blessed. The Good Book says "Cast thy bread upon the

waters for thou shalt find it after many days." Sometimes God is good enough to let us see the results of our labors after a few days, and sometimes the worker may come and go without knowing that any good has been accomplished in certain lines. Only a few days ago word was brought to us of the turning to Christ of a whole village, containing about seventy persons, through the instrumentality of a woman, who while in the hospital under our beloved Dr. Corey's care, learned the truth.

The Women's and Children's Hospital, and the Hospital in the City of Foochow, will be carried on as one work, but each year one of the physicians in charge will give the City work her special attention. Dr. Carleton will have the city work in charge the coming year. A formal opening of the Hospital will take place about Chinese New Year; until that time the regular weekly clinics will be held.

In the future we hope to make periodic visits in the country, especially in the districts where our ladies are working and where no physician is near at hand. The number of patients admitted into the Hospital since last Conference amounted to 207. Number of patients seen in their homes 1323, number of prescriptions filled 5898, number of patients seen at the clinics 4940.

To some a physician's work may not seem a direct means of leading the heathen to the knowledge of Christ but it is certainly demonstrating the doctrine taught and methods used by Christ.

To us as well as the evangelist the command is given: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN M. LYON, M.D.

WOMAN'S WORK IN ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

The Woman's school at Hu-iong, under the faithful teaching of Ngoi Siu Sê Niû and Choa An has had a very successful year, although some of the women have suffered severe persecutions "for Christ sake," they have stood firm in the faith and I believe that all have grown spiritually.

We have four Girl's Day Schools, with a total of forty-three pupils. These schools are centers for radiating the Light. In the school at Hu-iong and Ko-pia I continue to pay the pupils money rewards. In the school at Daik-hua and Chiu-tsui-tau I give cloth, hair-ties, etc., as rewards, and consider the latter much the preferable.

In the Evangelistic work we have three Bible women: at Dail-hua two women work for one salary. During the year many hundreds of women have heard the Gospel through these native deaconesses, and souls have been saved.

Although we have labored with many disadvantages, our hearts rejoice that the work continues to prosper. Truly there is joy in the work we try to do.

"O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt and when and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share."

S CANAN MCNABB.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE. JULIA BONAFIELD.

Hing-hua, Hok-chiang and Hai-tang districts, so reads our appointment;—we could not have asked more, we dared not take less.

Hing-hua with her thousands of bright, warm-hearted, intelligent women, so glad to hear, so willing to accept Christianity, but so needy of a firm hand to guide and direct. Hok-chiang with her thousands of poor, ignorant women, so bound to their idols, unwilling to accept Christianity until every other prop is removed, but when once established, steadfast and true against fearful odds. Hai-tang, a region so dreary and barren that one can but contrast it with the rare intelligence and hospitality of her people. Surely there is variety in our field.

Our work has been along two lines. First, the teaching and training of our Christian women and girls; second, the work more directly among the heathen. Along the first line, we have now twenty-eight Day Schools at different points, an advance of three over last year. We have fifteen Bible-women employed, four more than we had last year. A Woman's School, opened this year in Hok-chiang district is meeting a long felt want, and the one moved from Guang-au to Sieng-ieu is giving the women there, the longed for privilege of learning to read the Bible. Two or three weeks were given to each of these schools at the opening of the term, and then they were left in charge of the native teachers, until the end of the term, when we again attended the examinations, at which time we found that most satisfactory work had been done. We wish to speak especially of the faithful, earnest labors of our two assistants in these schools, for to them is due the success of the schools, and that they have been successful is evident not only from the very excellent examinations in books studied, but also in the spirit of helpfulness and love shown throughout the term, and in the very manifest spiritual growth of the women.

To visit only the stations where we have schools or Bible-women giving a day or two to each place, requires six weeks, and a journey of four hundred and fifty miles, or eighteen days of travelling. With the exception of Hai-tang, which has had but one visit during the year, all the stations have had four visits since last conference.

From many villages where we have Christians but no schools, have come earnest pleadings for a visit, and whenever we have been able to respond we have felt the need of more workers laid as a great burden upon our hearts. But as yet we look in vain for Bible-women to supply the need.

Our district conferences have been most helpful to workers and members. At the Hok-chiang conference this year we had over one hundred in attendance, and about the same at the Hing-hua conference. From these conferences the women go back to their homes with a higher conception of life, with a desire to help others born out of contact with the compassionate heart of their Lord and Master. Many who had known God only as the true God, find their Saviour in the pardon of their sins.

October 29th was observed throughout Hok-chiang district as a day of prayer for the granting of the school building in Hok-chiang. The preachers gave a talk especially to the Christian women, and a collection was taken toward purchasing land on which to erect the building. The city circuit reports $2.00, Gëng-tau circuit $1.00, Gëng-giang $8.00, Hai-ieu $2.50, Dëng-aing $1.80, Ngu-cheng $4.50, Siek-gëng $1.50, total $21.30.

We have a noble band of workers, but they need more help and encouragement than we can give by our hurried visits. "Not by might nor by power but my spirit sayeth the Lord," and truly so has the work been done, His strength has been sufficient.

HING-HUA CITY WORK.

As we count the mercies of the Lord shown to us in the past year we can but exclaim with the Psalmist "Bless the Lord, O my soul" and again "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Faith and trust in the Lord have been tested, but waiting on the Lord we have again proved Him true. He has led every step of the way and for the success attained and all the results of the year's work He alone has the praise.

Evangelistic Work.—We have kept up our Sunday afternoon village meeting except for about three months when the women stayed in the city after the morning service until afternoon; then they spent an hour in study and an hour in a prayer-meeting.

The past two months we have had very interesting meetings. A number of women from a new village, recently visited, have been coming

to church and are enrolled as probationers. They are much interested in the Gospel story.

A class of women were prepared to be baptized, taught the meaning of the Baptismal Covenant. They were truly saved, we believe. Mrs. Ding I Ang has worked under our personal daily supervision. Until June we had Mrs. Gong in school, studying in the morning, but going out each afternoon. She did blessed work. In June she was needed in Bing-hai. We then appointed Mrs. Uong to work while studying half the day and all the time during vacation. She will be ready to go out independently next year. Other women from this Juliet Turner's School have gone out visiting one or two afternoons a week. Every place the homes are open to us. The results, as much as can be tabulated, are given below.

Personal visits to villages	35
Average attendance in village meetings...	20
Number of heathen women talked to ...	1000
Mrs. Ding I Ang's meetings	61
" outside visits	501
" people talked to ...	5381

Day School.—Much to our regret our Kua-kau day-school was closed after conference by the moving of the preacher's wife. We had no one to take her place. Our day-school work has thus been restricted to a little school in connection with the Woman's School and the day pupils in the Boarding School to be spoken of later.

Hamilton Girls' Boarding School.—We closed last year with 38 names in our roll. After Chinese New Year we took in a new class and now have 50 girls enrolled.

Of the girls enrolled the first year we have still in school all except four: one was compelled to leave through heathen betrothal, one is sick but expects to return as soon as well, the third we requested to stay at home this term and attend a day school hoping that under her Christian mother's eye she might learn more studious habits.

In the Preparatory Department we have a number of girls who have never had an opportunity of attending a day-school.

Two examinations have been held since our last report and the examiners have expressed themselves as highly pleased with the work done in amount and in quality. The girls are studious and seem to have a desire to learn.

In deportment we can report of these girls very good things. They are obedient, teachable and lovable.

The Religious life of the girls is very interesting. In the May Revival the girls were greatly blessed. Many of them were converted and others who had before known their sins forgiven were quickened and filled with the Holy Spirit. This year 38 joined on probation, of these, twenty-one were received into full membership in the church this term.

The older girls belong to the Epworth League while the younger are Junior Leaguers. They take great interest in the work and help by testimony and prayer. They take part in the literary meetings and are active in the Mercy and Help Departments. We are training these girls for future workers, leaders among their sisters. To do this, now in school is the time to begin.

We have had the Miller Home repaired and this enlarges our capacity, so that we can comfortably accommodate seventy-five girls.

There is a building adjoining the Miller Home now offered for sale which will enable us, when occasion requires, to still extend our buildings and we will thus be able to take in all the girls who come to us: all those who meet the requirements of entrance.

Our Aim.—Is to prepare these Chinese girls to live in and help Chinese homes and to be lights in the darkness and workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

To this end our Course of Study, Program of Work, surroundings and requirements are all planned. Mrs. Ding Cio De, and Uong Ciong De are teachers.

We praise God for giving us health and strength to give this work our personal supervision all the year except about three weeks when Miss Trimble kindly looked after the school. In this time and in her short visits to the city she has greatly endeared herself to the girls and has been a great help to them in every way.

Miss Wilson who is studying the language, preparatory to work, is helpful to the girls in her visits to the school and in many ways.

This is the outline of the work we have had in charge the past year.

We look into the future filled with hope and trust.

What has been accomplished in the past we count as but the foundation on which we hope to build. We want in every Christian home an educated Christian woman able to teach the children of her village and to lead her heathen sisters to God and into the Church.

We want the prayers of the whole church in accomplishing this work.

Your Sister,

ELIZABETH FISHER BREWSTER.

WORK IN KUCHENG DISTRICT.

The Kucheng Women's School has had a very prosperous year. At our last conference the pastor of Kucheng city church was released from preaching, for one year, to teach in the school. After conference until the close of the term, the last of January, the women learned a wonderful amount.

During the term, beginning March 8th and closing June 29th, our advanced class, consisting of nine women studied Exodus, Proverbs, Pil-

grim's Progress and Life of Wesley in classical and the Three Character Classic for Girls. At the close of school they passed a very fine examination in these books. Nearly all the preachers from over the district were present, and all were surprised that women could do so well.

Five of this class left school at the close of the spring term and at once opened day-schools. Four of them had studied in the women's school three and one half years. One of them only one and one-half years, as she had previously studied at home and in day-schools. The other four of the first class, having been in school a shorter time, and lacking some of the lower studies, were allowed to remain in school a little longer. Three of these will be ready to take the examination for day-school teachers, at district conference time. One of the older women will take the examination for deaconesses and after conference do deaconess work. Thus nine women will have finished the course of study this year and go out as regular workers. Beside these nine are two old women, who could not finish the course, but who perhaps will do as much good, as their hearts are filled with a desire for souls.

I have heard good reports of the earnest work of all the women in their homes, or wherever they went to visit during their vacation. During the year the women have kept up their regular visiting from house to house every pleasant afternoon.

The Kucheng girls' school opened March 8th, 1893. At the request of many of our leading Christians, who had girls who were to attend the school, I arranged for the women's school teacher to give half his time to the girls and half to the women. We secured a Christian teacher for the other half day, who had taught a native school several years, and had a good knowledge of the classics. The principal and his wife have lived at the school and the wife has been our matron, or better than that a mother to the girls. These two helpers have taken entire charge of the school and whatever of success has attended the school is due to them.

We received twenty five girls from the various charges over the district. All but five of the girls had studied in day-schools, before coming to our school, some of them three or four years.

We made out a course of study for six years; one half the books of each year were Christian books studied in our day-schools and one half Chinese Classics. All the girls in school passed a very fine examination in whatever books they had studied. They repeated perfectly, translated clearly, and were able to answer any questions as to the meaning of what they had studied.

Nine of the girls were church members, when they came to the school. Two joined the church last term. Nearly all the girls had been baptized, before coming to the school, and all have joined the church on probation and are living earnest Christian lives. They have all wonderfully grown in grace this year.

They are all ready to pray and testify in their prayer meetings, and about one half of them can lead a prayer meeting like a grown person.

They are wonderfully kind and polite to each other, and very thoughtful for their teachers and matron.

At our last district conference only nine teachers took the examination for day-school teachers, so at the beginning of this year, we had only nine day-schools.

At the close of this year we have fourteen schools with about 170 pupils. At this last quarter's examinations 127 passed the examinations, having attended school 50 days during the term and studied at least one half a book; some of the pupils had studied two books during the four months since last examination.

This is our first year of giving no money rewards to the pupils. The presents given the pupils have been very small, the largest schools not exceeding two dollars. Of course there has been some complaining and some pupils have left school because they received no money, but I am far from thinking the new system is a failure: I feel sure that next year our day-schools will be a great success; some of them this year have been very fine.

There have been sixteen pupils baptized this year, eleven pupils have been received into full membership in the church and thirty-six received on probation.

Our deaconess at Dio-siong has been doing grand work among the women. Several women regularly attend church and many more are much interested to learn of the true God.

One of the women who left our women's school last January has been at work in her own village Sek-baik Du, and her pastor highly commends her labors. Several new women have been added to the church through her efforts. Another of the former pupils of our school has left her home and gone to Seng-lëng, a village where we have no preacher and only a few Christians; only one woman. Her brother-in-law taught a boy's school there, and she wanted to go to help the women and girls. I feared she could not do much good, so told her I could only pay her $1 per month, thinking she would not go, but she was in earnest to save souls and has been there several months working hard among the heathen women.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL C. HARTFORD.

MARY E. CROOK MEMORIAL ORPHANAGE.

The year has been filled with glorious opportunities though it has not been without its trials and discouragements. The little waifs that have been given into our care have, most of them, been cast out from houses of abject poverty and heathen wretchedness; many of them with diseased bodies, some of them sick and nigh unto death.

For the sick and diseased we have had skilled medical attendance and have rejoiced to see some of them restored to life and health. For the dying we have provided loving care and Christian burial.

There have been twenty children in the Orphanage during the year, the oldest thirteen years of age, the youngest only a few days old. At present there are fifteen.

To care for these little ones, Christian women are employed, who not only attend to the physical wants of the little ones, but who teach the lisping lips to pray and to sing the sweet songs of Jesus and his love.

It is a comforting thought to know that these little ones will never know any thing of idolatry and heathenism, but from their earliest days will learn to worship the true and the living God.

We have been much crowded in our rented house, but our new and commodious building is now well under way, and in a few months we shall be in our new home. The orphanage is still in its infancy, but we feel certain that in the years to come, these little ones whom we are endeavoring to train for lives of usefulness, will go forth to make true Christian homes and to work for Christ. These are little ones saved from death or from lives worth than death.

God grant that they all may be spared to grow up and to accomplish much for God and humanity. Who can measure the harvest to be reaped from the seed sown by one earnest Christian woman's life and work.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA NIND LACY.

XIV.—IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Hu Iong Mi.

"And he was not; for God took him."

Said of one of old; no less true of him who left us that memorable June 30th, 1893:—Our "Saint John" of the Foochow conference. Hü Iong Mi was born in 1873, at Iong-tau, a part of Foochow near the place where our first church, Cing Sing Dong,—which was also his first appointment—was afterward built.

He was one of the early converts; becoming a Christian when 19 years of age. Zealous hearted from the beginning, his first work was with those living around him. He received his first Exhorter's License in 1859. Was admitted into the Vermont conference in 1864, when this was only a Mission. Was transferred to the Foochow conference, on its organization in 1877. From the beginning of his ministry to 1876, he had served at Cing Sing Dong, Tieng Ang Dong, and Hok Ing Dong (East St. Chapel), in Foochow; at Ngu-kang and Diong-loh on Foochow district; and at Lëk-du on Ming-chiang district.

He served as Presiding Elder on three different districts. Ku-cheng, from 1876 to 1879; Hok-chiang, from 1879 to 1883. In the fall of 1883, he was appointed Presiding Elder of Hing-hua district; but after one year of service there, his health became so poor that he was returned to Foochow and stationed at Tieng Ang Dong. During the next two years, besides this pastorate, he gave very efficient aid in the Christian work of the Foochow Native Hospital; and gained in health through the medical assistance Dr. Rennie gave to him.

Of his arduous work through all these many years, who can fitly tell? Of the souls saved, the workers trained, who has kept any adequate record? Yes, it has been done; for there is a "Book of Remembrance"; and, in that, our God has recorded the life of this brother in labors so abundant. And we are sure, that on that summer day, he heard the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

For over twenty years, he was the victim of disease, yet always hopeful, always full of loving plans for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. For several years past, when conference came, we would think it surely the last time we could see his face in such a session: but he worked on, waited on, and the next year, would quietly, smilingly, come into our midst again, ready to go wherever, to do whatever his church said.

In 1880, he preached the conference sermon on the subject of "Prayer." The report of this is, "The discourse was like a chapter from George Müller's Life of Trust, consisting chiefly of personal experiences in the Life of Faith and Prayer. It made a powerful impression." Yes, that was the secret of his gentle spirit and bright face,—a "Life of Trust."

In 1884, Bro. Hü Iong Mi was appointed pastor of Tieng Ang Dong, and here he served for over six years. Much of his work was done in great weakness. Twice he seemed to enter so close upon the other world, we could not hope to have him returned to us; but he came back, to serve yet a little longer.

In 1888, the Presiding Elder, Rev. N. J. Plumb, said in his conference report for Foochow district, "Tieng Ang Dong, the principal charge on the district, has enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity and the spirit of harmony has been in strong contrast to that of former years. This result has been largely due to the influence of the saintly and devoted pastor, Rev. Hü Iong Mi."

On March 9th, 1891, Bro. Hü Iong Mi was granted a superannuated relation, because of his very poor health. The conference passed resolutions of regret because of his inability to be present. Rev. N. J. Plumb reported for that year, "The Tieng Ang Dong charge has had much prosperity. There have been frequent accessions, and the interest has been constant. The pastor, Rev. Hü Iong Mi, although very feeble and not able to preach much, has been most faithful in all his duties. His noble life and example have been a constant benediction to us all." "He is now very ill, and we fear he cannot be with us much longer."

On Feb. 21st of that year, he was thought to be dying of *La grippe*. He himself said of this sickness, afterwards, "I do not see why I could not go to heaven. I thought I was ready to graduate from *this school* into *college:* but it seems as though I could not pass my examination, and so I was sent back to this earth to study a little longer."

Through all these years, he was so grateful for every kindness, every favor shown him. So appreciative of every effort of his physicians to alleviate his sufferings.

In 1892, he moved into his own home, which had been built a short distance west of the "Women's and Children's Hospital." Thus was fulfilled a hope of long years; and here he spent his last days in quiet and comfort; though he was sorry to be so far from the Missionaries and the church he loved so well that he could rarely visit the spot where his last public work had been done.

Yet, during the conference of 1892, he was able to attend part of a session, once or twice; and attended the church a few times during the months following. But the time was coming when he could not tarry longer; his soul was ripe for heaven.

His last weeks on earth were seasons of wondrously sweet peace and joy, even to him who had proven the Savior's power through so many years. In the midst of much suffering, he had words of exhortation, comfort, cheer

and encouragement for all who came. So many spoke to him of the comfort and strength it gave them to hear his counsels. Calmly he waited, quietly he planned his going away. Once he said, "Will you tell me why Jesus does not come? I can do nothing; my work is all done. My heart is ready;—washed clean in the blood of the Savior. Why must I wait longer?"—This not in any spirit of murmuring, but with the Holy Spirit's light shining over his face.

Finally the dear Lord did come. One Thursday eve, he called the family, and a friend who had come in around his couch, and a praise meeting was held. "We praise Thee, oh God," and "Forever with the Lord" were sung at his request; and Pastor Iong Mi himself, joined in the singing; stating that he had chosen these hymns to be sung at the last service, after he had "Gone home."

On Friday morning, June 30th, 1893, all saw that the end was near. After Bro. Iong Mi could not speak, a friend asked if the Savior was with him, and his head responded "Yes." Then he motioned for pen and paper, and began writing the character "Cio"——"Lord";——but the pen dropped before he could finish. His forefinger pointed upwards, and his eldest son interpreted it, "The Lord has come." Then his hands were outstretched and lifted higher and higher, as though he saw Jesus coming to take him by the hand. A rapt smile made his face shine with unearthly —aye, Heavenly brightness, as the hands were lifted still higher, and,— I believe, clasped in those of his Risen Lord. Then his head quietly sank on his breast; he "Was not, for God took him."

"Fallen asleep;" so it seemed all the afternoon as he lay in the ministerial robes he himself had planned, in the reception room of his home. "He being dead, yet speaketh" we thought, as the day closed. For his presence seemed still to speak to the friends who came; to those busied about the last preparations; to the very heathen who crowded around the gate outside and quietly gazed within.

A life transferred to Heaven! not ended, even here; for the influence of that gentle spirit, the results of those years of loving labors, shall go on and on in blessing to those who learned through him, and to the many others whom *they* shall teach of the "Life of Trust" which he had learned well.

ONE OF HIS FLOCK.

XV.—CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, Presiding Elder.

Post Office, Foochow.

Foochow: Cing Sing Dong, Hü Bö Mi. Cö Kong Ching, Hok-ing Dong, Dang Seng Ling, one supply. Tieng-ang Dong, Iek Ing Guang, Sia Sek Ong.
Hung-muoi and Siok-mek-ka—To be supplied.
Gui-hung—Ding Daing Dieu.
Siu-liang Dong—To be supplied.
Bah Hu—To be supplied.
Foochow City Evangelist—N. Sites.
N. J. Plumb, † Editor Fohkien Christian Advocate.
G. B. Smyth, † President of the Anglo-Chinese College, Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Worley, † Dean of the School of Theology.
Sia Sek Ong, † Prof. in Foochow School of Theology and Associate Editor of Fohkien Christian Advocate.
W. H. Lacy, † Superintendent of Foochow Mission Press, Member of Cing Sing Dong Quarterly Conference.
G. S. Miner, † Professor in the Anglo-Chinese College, Member of Siu-liang Dong Quarterly Conference.
Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, and Mrs. G. S. Miner, Instructors in the Anglo-Chinese College.
Mrs. J. H. Worley, Principal of the Foochow Boys' Boarding School.
Uong Di Gi, Teacher in the Foochow Girls' Boarding School.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder.

N. J. Plumb, Missionary, Post Office, Foochow.

Dëng-aing—Siek Chiong Tieng.*
Gëng-giang—Ding Hieng Ngieu.
Ha Gong-ing—Hu Nguong Dang.*

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* Local Preacher supply. † Traveling Elder. ‡ Local Elder.

[illegible]—Ung Seng Chuang.
Hai kau—Ung Guong Goi.*
Ha[illegible]—Ngoi Gi Lang.†
Hok-chiang City—U Sieu E,† Chiong Pui Hua.
[illegible]gu cheng.—Hö Dieu Iu.
[illegible]gü-kä—U Sieu Ling.
Sang-sang—Hö Bau Ieu.
Sie[illegible]-gëng—Li Gi Chiong, one supply.
Sing-dong—Sie Seng Cang.†
Siong Gong-ing—Huong Daik Chiong, one supply.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chong-tau—Diong Ming Dung.
Dio-a—Ding Dai Liong.
Dong-huang and Chie-ding—Ding Siu Küng.†
Duai-giang—Ling Seü Ing. †
Ku-de and Ko—Ling Ching Mi, Ding Pe Dak.
Ku-cheng city—Gong Sing Caë, Ding Diong Hie.†
Liang-nang and Dëng-iong—Ding Ioh Nguong, Uong Huong Sing.
Loi-hung and Ieng-seng—Ding Bö Cing, one supply.
Nek-baik Du and Dëng-kä—Tiang Ngük Cëü, one supply.
Seng-iong and Dio-siong—Chiu Hing Deng, Li Guong Sieu.
Seng-lëng and Lang-kä—Ling Heng Tung.
Huang-kang—Ding Hie Ung.
Ding-sang—Ling Ui Sieng.
Huang-de-iong—Ling Dieu Daik.
J. J. Gregory M. D. Physician in charge of Medical work at Wiley General Hospital, Ku-cheng city, P. O. Foochow.
Ding Ung Tiu, Teacher in W. F. M. S. Boarding Schools.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

Iong Daik Cheu, Presiding Elder.

R. L. McNabb, Missionary, Post Office, Foochow.

Chiah-cui—Sia Lieng Li.†
Daik-hua—Song Guong Huo.†
Dai-cheng—Ceng Cong Ming †, one supply.
Hu-iong—Uong Guok Hing.†

Ing-chung City.—Ling Daik Do.
Ngu-bö and Cing-cui-die—Cieng Ngie Seng.*
Maëng-hu—To be supplied.
Sä-iong—To be supplied.
Tö-nguong—Ding Kiu Hok, Cio Kö Cü.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder.

M. C. Wilcox, Missionary, Post Office, Foochow.

Ciong-hu-buang—Cüng Daik Ming.*
Hu-nguong—Hu Ing Chung.
Iong-bing City—Diong Scük Buo.†
Iu-kä—Cö Sieu Ceng,* one supply.
Se-sek Du—Tiang Siong Hui.
Sä-gaing—Pang Ding Hie.†
Se-sek-ngo Du—Hu Ing Ing.*
Sä-gaing Kau—Hu Ing Chieu.*
Sing-gio—Hu Ing Li.*

BUO-DIENG (HING-HUA) DISTRICT.

Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary, Post Office, Foochow.

Hing-hua City—Song Hok Lieng.
Buo-hi—Ling Hai Lang.*
Guang-au—Siek Sek Diong.† Uong Dong Huong.
Hang-gëng—Ling Seng Eü.†
Kang-baëk—Ting Tieng Pui.
Kia-siok—Li Siu Hieng.
Nang-nik—Ling Cing Cieng.
Bing-hai—Ling Ming Sang.
Chung-be—Ngu Ing Huak.
Siong Dai-li—Ling Seng Dong.
Dëng-nuong-ngie—Ngu Sui Cheu.
W. N. Brewster, Principal of Theological School and Boys' Boarding School.
Hü Caik Hang—Assistant in Boys' Boarding School.
Ding Ching Guong—Teacher in Theological School and Girls' Boarding School.

SIENG-IU DISTRICT.

LING MING CIONG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. BREWSTER, MISSIONARY, Post Office, Foochow.

Gie-dieng-li—Song Hok Ming.
Cia-sang—Ding Nik Sing.
Gieng-sang—Ding Nik Ong.
Lieng-cū-li—Ding Ga Sing.
Hu-sang—To be supplied.
Buo-mui—Saeng Nguk Chung.
Lieng-hua—Ling Hung Chö.
Lung-hu-sang—Tong Sieng Nguong.
Chiong-ong—Li Ngä Hung.
Sieng-iu City—Ding Soi Ling, Ding Uong Chiong.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Post Office, Foochow.

Foochow District:

Medical Work—Mary E. Carleton, M.D., Ellen M. Lyon, M.D., Luella M. Masters, M.D.

Girls' Boarding School—Carrie I. Jewell, Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Woman's School and Evangelistic Work on Nantai Island—Ruth M. Sites, and Mrs. G. L. Worley.

Foochow Orphanage—Mrs. W. H. Lacy.

Foochow Day Schools—Mrs. G. S. Miner.

Hok-chiang, Hai-tang, and Hing-hua Districts:

Schools and Evangelistic Work—Lydia A. Trimble.

Hing-hua District:

Day Schools—Minnie E. Wilson.
City Evangelistic Work—Mrs. W. N. Brewster.

Ing-chung District:

Woman's and Girl's Boarding School and Evangelistic Work—Mrs. R. L. McNabb.

Ku-cheng and Iong-bing Districts:

Schools and Evangelistic Work—Mabel C. Hartford.

Julia A. Bonafield left without appointment to return to U. S. A. on furlough.

HAI DANG DISTRICT.

Sia Heng To, Presiding Elder.

N. J. Plumb, Missionary, Post Office, Foochow.

Dai-ho—Ding Ching Nguong *
Dai-lieng—To be supplied.
Dai-bang—U Sieu Ieu.*
Dëng-chiong—To be supplied.
Ngiu-Seü and Bah-sua—Ling Mi Ing, one supply.
Sang-le—Ling Chiong Ling.*
Tang-tau—Ceng Ung Uong.

MING CHIANG DISTRICT.

N. Sites, Presiding Elder.

Post Office, Foochow.

Eighth Township—Ding Siu Ching, one supply.
Eleventh Township—Ding Ching Seng.
Fifteenth Township—Lau Guang Hüng, one supply.
Fourteenth Township—To be supplied.
Ming-chiang City—To be supplied.
Second Township—Tiang Ngük Ling, one supply.
Seventh Township—To be supplied.
Sixth Township—U Siu Hu and one supply.

XVI.—STATISTICAL TABLES.

WM. H. LACY, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Tabulated Statistics do not include the following items:—

Foreign Missionaries	10
Assistant Foreign Missionaries	8
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S	10

BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers *	7
" " Native teachers	6
" " Students	107
Foochow Theological School, Foreign teachers*	1
" " " Native teachers	3
" " " Students	23
Hinghua " " Foreign teachers*	1
" " " Native teachers	2
" " " Scholars	28
W. F. M. S. Three Girls Schools, Native teachers	7
" " " Scholars	146
" Five Woman's Schools: scholars	102
" Hospital Students	7

PROPERTY.

Anglo-Chinese College, Dormitory and Apparatus	$22,000
Nine Residences at Foochow, Hing-hua and Kucheng	22,000
Two Natives parsonages †	1,700
W. F. M. S. Foochow Girls Boarding School and Residence	14,000
" " Woman's School and Residence	5,000
" " Two Hospitals and Residence	9,500
" " Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage	2,000
" Hinghua, Juliet Turner Memorial Woman's School	375
" " Hamilton Girls Boarding School	1,150
Wiley General Hospital, Kucheng	6,000
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building	5,000
Mission Press Type, Presses, &c.	10,000

* Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

† Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Boys Boarding Schools.	No. of Teachers in same
Foochow District.													
Tieng-ang Dong	1	8	2	165	81	35	70	320	34	34	8	1	
Cing-sing „	1	1	1	51	34	17	...	85	2	2	3	...	
Hok-ing „	1	...	...	28	6	10	3	30	2	7	5	...	
Gui-hung	...	1	...	59	29	34	16	65	8	7	3	...	
Hung-mui	...	1	...	11	9	3	6	25	3	...	...	...	
Ne-du	1	1	...	20	27	9	10	50	8	6	1	...	
Lĕk-du	1	3	...	67	40	42	60	130	30	40	12	...	
Sek-ek-du	1	1	1	17	30	8	4	70	6	6	3	...	
Sek-se-du	1	1	...	17	19	4	6	40	10	25	6	...	
Sek-ngo-du	1	1	...	51	38	20	10	120	12	29	14	...	
Totals	8	18	4	486	313	182	185	935	115	156	55	1	
Hok Chiang District.													
Ngu-cheng	3	8	5	137	173	114	380	350	36	11	17	...	
Hok-chiang City	1	3	1	65	49	22	200	100	50	38	4	1	
Hai-kau	1	2	...	47	55	15	120	120	20	33	1	...	
Sing-dong	2	3	1	122	129	71	200	260	23	10	9	...	
Gĕng-giang	1	1	2	126	104	125	50	300	22	9	21	...	
Siek-gĕng	...	2	1	105	160	66	300	300	15	19	14	...	
Hai-iu	1	3	1	95	98	44	280	310	24	13	8	...	
Ha-ü	1	3	1	75	73	47	220	220	20	9	10	...	
Gong-ing	1	1	1	74	112	55	110	170	28	28	10	...	
Ha-gong-ing	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Dĕng-aing	1	...	1	39	32	37	54	54	10	3	2	...	
Sang-sang	...	2	...	24	50	6	60	65	7	6	2	...	
Ngü-kä	...	2	1	15	18	15	30	40	3	2	2	...	
Totals	13	30	15	924	1057	617	2004	2289	257	183	100	1	
Ing Chung District.													
Ing-chung City	2	2	2	40	19	...	40	50	4	4	2	...	
Daih-hua	2	1	1	26	8	...	25	30	2	2	...	...	
Chiah-cui	...	1	...	18	8	...	20	24	4	4	...	...	
Dai-cheng	1	1	...	19	12	...	15	30	8	8	...	...	
Tö-nguong	...	2	...	16	21	...	20	30	11	3	...	...	
Ngo-bö	...	1	...	17	5	...	15	20	4	2	...	...	
Mäëng-hu	...	1	...	19	10	...	25	40	4	2	...	...	
Hu-iong	2	...	5	52	6	...	70	80	5	5	...	1	
Totals	7	9	8	207	89	...	230	304	42	30	2	1	

No. of Day-Schools.	No. of Day-Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-Schools.	No. of Sabbath-Scholars.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for Bishops Support.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
7	212	4	377	2	$2,800	...	$12.50	$88.00	$17.00	$163.00	...	$54.00
3	88	2	290	1	1,500	...	1.10	17.00	10.00	22.00	...	8.00
1	17	1	15	1	1,400	...	0.40	3.00	...	7.00	...	2.00
2	33	3	50	2	500	1	...	1.00	...	15.00	$12.00	...
2	28	...	...	...	...	3	...	1.00	...	2.00	...	1.00
2	31	1	50	1	400	1	0.50	1.00	...	10.00	...	2.00
2	40	1	90	1	800	1	0.50	5.00	3.00	10.00	...	4.00
2	30	1	25	...	...	2	0.50	1.00	...	2.00	...	1.00
1	12	1	30	...	...	2	...	1.00	...	2.00	...	1.00
3	48	2	80	...	...	3	0.50	3.00	...	10.00	...	3.00
25	539	16	1007	8	$7,400	13	$16.00	121.00	$30.00	$248.00	$12.00	$76.00
2	34	7	115	1	$ 400	...	$2.00	$6.00	$15.00	$90.00	$24.00	$45,00
2	31	2	44	1	1,800	...	0.50	6.00	1.70	29.50	...	16.00
1	17	3	50	2	840	...	0.50	5.50	1.95	38.00	...	55.00
2	36	4	50	3	1,200	...	1.00	5.00	5.00	50.00	...	43.00
3	45	6	122	2	1,180	...	1.00	7.00	2.37	53.00	...	37.30
3	40	7	74	2	1,500	...	1.00	6.00	1.90	54.00	...	67.00
2	37	6	50	5	2,360	...	0.30	4.00	6.50	54.00	15.00	37.00
3	48	2	40	2	1,400	...	0.60	5.00	1.74	41.50	...	16.00
2	31	1	60	1	960	...	0.50	5.00	1.17	54.50	...	34.00
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1.20	...	...
2	30	3	30	2	220	...	0.20	1.50	1.00	17.00	4.50	6.00
1	20	1	8	...	...	1	0.40	1.50	0.63	16.00	...	14.00
1	28	1	12	1	160	...	...	0.80	0.15	7.00	...	0.60
24	397	43	655	22	$12,020	2	$8.00	$53.30	$39.11	$505.70	$84.00	$370,90
1	8	2	30	..	...	2	0.40	$3.00	$3.08	$21.50	...	$ 5.00
1	12	1	24	1	$440	...	0.30	2.00	1.64	13.10	...	10.00
...	...	1	18	1	600	...	0.30	2.00	3.72	16.00	...	10.00
...	...	1	12	1	500	...	0.40	2.00	3.37	12.00	$50.00	3.00
...	...	2	20	1	310	...	0.30	4.30	1.97	14.20	1.15	4.00
...	...	1	12	...	...	1	0.30	2.00	1.54	3.00	...	2.00
...	...	2	25	...	...	1	0.30	2.00	2.26	4.50	3.10	3.00
3	29	1	100	1	2,800	...	0.50	12.82	6.15	42.00	...	5.00
5	49	11	241	5	$4,650	4	$2.80	$30.12	$23.73	$126.30	$54.25	$42.00

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Hai Tang District.													
Tang-tau	1	4	...	53	45	28	30	110	6	6	6	...	
Dai-ho	...	5	...	67	10	37	10	80	7	17	6	...	
Ngieu-sū	2	2	...	61	120	29	20	240	12	11	8	...	
Sang-le	...	3	...	54	62	14	20	90	5	5	3	...	
... Totals	3	14	...	235	237	108	80	520	30	39	23	...	
Hing Hua District.													
Hing-hua City	5	2	1	183	240	32	60	350	...	45	14	1	
Hang-gëng	1	1	1	44	60	29	10	100	...	35	12	...	
Guang-au	1	2	2	105	160	60	50	320	...	96	16	...	
Huok-sik	...	1	...	42	34	13	40	120	...	7	6	...	
Ka-bŏk	1	...	...	45	20	32	30	60	...	3	7	...	
Buo-hi	...	1	...	25	15	13	20	30	...	5	5	...	
Bing-hai	2	1	2	78	110	54	30	200	...	51	12	...	
Nang-nik	3	...	2	30	12	22	20	64	...	1	...	...	
Sieng-iu	1	2	1	109	108	38	60	210	...	44	7	1	
Lieng-cū	1	...	...	74	125	17	30	240	...	24	2	...	
Gie-dieng	1	...	1	64	31	23	12	120	...	15	6	...	
Chiong-ong	1	1	1	53	107	15	16	130	...	15	11	...	
Ung-sū	1	2	1	69	62	32	30	110	...	13	4	...	
Cia-sang	2	...	1	84	80	30	50	150	...	40	10	...	
Gieng-sang	...	3	1	65	159	24	200	319	...	53	10	...	
Totals	20	16	14	1070	1323	486	658	2523	...	447	122	2	
Iong Bing District.													
Iong-bing City	1	...	...	17	3	10	10	17	2	2	1	...	
Sä-gaing	1	...	...	6	1	...	10	8	1	...	...	...	
Song-chiong	...	2	...	18	3	4	20	27	1	1	...	...	
Ciong-hu-buang	1	...	...	48	7	26	28	42	4	...	4	...	
Sek-se-du	1	1	...	8	5	2	14	13	1	...	...	...	
Iu-kä-gaing	...	1	...	18	7	4	10	15	2	2	1	...	
Ngo-sek-du	...	1	...	24	5	8	40	32	4	4	...	...	
Sä-kä-kau	...	1	...	13	3	2	10	17	3	3	...	...	
Se-sek Ŭk-du	...	1	...	11	5	3	5	20	2	2	...	...	
Hu-ngiong	1	...	...	24	5	3	30	30	2	1	...	...	
Totals	5	7	...	187	44	62	177	221	22	15	6	...	

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.	2	34	3	60	2	$1,100	1	$1.00	$5.00	$3.00	$28.00	$145.00	$20.00
.	1	20	4	54	...	...	1	0.50	2.00	2.40	18.50	75.00	6.00
.	3	40	4	180	1	950	2	1.00	5.00	3.00	69.00	...	18.00
.	2	39	2	60	2	850	1	0.50	3.50	4.00	26.00	50.00	10.00
.	8	123	13	354	5	$2,900	5	$3.00	$15.50	$12.40	$141.50	$270.00	$54.00
2	1	12	3	170	3	$1,400	1	$0.50	$30.00	$32.50	$77.00	...	$5.70
.	2	40	3	40	3	500	1	0.50	1.00	2.70	21.85	...	5.20
.	5	70	1	90	1	200	2	0.50	1.00	5.60	50.00	$5.00	16.00
.	3	60	3	40	3	300	1	0.50	2.00	5.50	21.00	...	...
.	...	...	1	40	3	700	...	...	1.00	0.40	23.00	...	6.50
.	1	20	1	17	2	130	...	...	1.00	...	10.77	...	...
.	4	88	3	80	3	250	1	0.50	2.00	6.50	40.00	...	10.00
.	1	15	1	17	1	200	...	0.30	2.00	1.25	14.00	...	0.50
6	...	...	3	70	1	1,500	3	0.50	4.20	8.20	74.80	12.00	15.40
.	2	32	3	160	3	1,300	...	0.50	4.00	1.50	50.00	58.00	8.80
.	1	12	2	40	2	300	1	0.50	2.00	1.20	19.50	...	8.20
.	2	41	2	130	2	1,200	...	0.50	2.00	14.70	40.50	...	39.40
.	4	56	3	60	2	300	1	0.50	4.20	...	28.50	88.00	13.50
..	2	32	2	80	1	500	1	0.50	8.74	9.40	49.20	68.00	17.00
..	3	66	3	141	2	400	2	0.50	7.00	5.00	55.50	160.00	7.00
7	31	544	34	1175	32	$9,180	14	$6.30	$72.14	$94.45	$575.62	$391.00	$152.70
..	...	...	1	11	1	$180	...	$0.15	$2.00	$0.69	$ 1.80	...	...
..	...	...	1	6	...	...	1	0.10	1.00	0.58	1.00	...	...
..	...	...	2	15	1	200	1	0.15	4.00	1.44	4.00	...	...
..	...	...	1	16	1	700	...	0.30	3.00	0.75	8.00	...	...
..	...	...	1	15	1	250	...	0.10	2.50	0.40	3.75	$66.75	...
..	...	...	2	16	...	...	1	0.10	1.00	0.15	2.50	...	...
..	...	...	1	26	...	...	1	0.30	3.00	2.00	10.00	30.00	...
..	...	...	2	8	...	...	...	0.10	1.50	0.20	2.20	...	...
..	...	...	2	10	...	...	...	0.15	1.50	0.69	2.80	...	...
..	...	...	2	20	1	120	...	0.30	3.00	3.10	9.20	...	...
..	...	...	15	143	5	$1,450	4	$1.75	$22.50	$10.00	$45.25	$96.75	...

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Ku Cheng District.													
Chong-tau	1	...	1	22	6	5	8	32	5	5	...	...	...
Dio-a	1	...	1	64	36	22	21	118	14	4	2	...	...
Dong-huang	1	1	1	31	10	24	40	30	2	2	4	...	...
Duai-giang	1	...	1	26	24	11	10	55	3	3	...	...	...
Ku-cheng City	4	4	2	41	46	18	20	170	30	32	7	1	2
Ku-dc...	...	...	2	106	86	34	56	190	34	45	6	...	...
Liang-nang	3	6	6	126	92	57	42	320	40	40	12	...	...
Loi-hung	1	1	1	43	33	23	12	115	20	14	10	...	...
Sek-baik-du	...	2	1	49	45	8	10	90	8	15	7	...	...
Seng-iong	1	3	2	36	20	16	20	80	16	11	8	...	...
Seng-lëng	...	1	2	38	44	13	6	75	12	10	2	...	...
Totals	13	18	20	577	442	266	245	1240	184	181	58	1	2
Summary by Districts													
Foochow District	8	18	4	486	313	182	185	935	115	156	55	1	3
Hok-chiang "	13	30	15	924	1057	617	2004	2289	257	183	100	1	1
Hing-hua "	20	16	14	1070	1323	436	658	2523	...	447	122	2	3
Hai-tang "	3	14	...	235	237	108	80	520	30	39	23	...	...
Ing-chung "	7	9	8	207	89	...	230	304	42	30	2	1	3
Iong-bing "	5	7	...	187	44	62	177	221	22	15	6	...	...
Ku-cheng "	13	18	20	577	442	266	245	1240	184	181	58	1	2
Totals for 1893	69	112	61	3686	3505	1671	3579	8032	650	1051	366	6	12
" " 1892	63	108	78	3169	2790	1345	3531	6713	631	852	286	5	9
Increase	6	4	...	517	715	326	48	1319	19	199	80	1	3
Decrease	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...

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1	8	1	28	...	.....	1	$0.20	$2.50	...	$ 4.00	...	$2.30
1	20	1	95	2	$ 255	...	0.60	6.00	...	16.00	$ 3.30	6.60
2	31	1	30	1	300	...	0.30	4.00	...	12.00	...	0.80
2	25	2	50	1	350	...	0.20	4.00	...	7.00	2.00	1.50
3	50	2	140	1	200	...	0.50	14.00	...	* 32.15	30.00	5.00
2	35	1	128	2	2,500	...	1.00	7.00	...	21.00	...	2.00
6	73	6	320	4	750	...	1.60	11.00	...	57.00	75.00	46.41
2	24	2	55	1	250	...	0.40	4.70	...	20.00	...	1.80
2	28	3	80	1	140	...	0.45	4.00	...	11.00	0.50	1.00
2	20	2	60	...	.....	2	0.35	3.50	...	10.50	1.00	1.60
2	20	2	55	..	.....	2	0.15	3.00	...	6.00	...	1.40
26	334	23	1041	13	$4,745	5	$5.15	$63.70	...	$196.65	$111.80	$70.41
25	539	16	1007	8	$ 7,400	13	$16.00	121.00	$30.00	$243.00	$12.00	$ 76.00
24	397	43	655	22	12,020	2	8.00	53.30	39.11	505.70	43.50	370.90
31	544	34	1175	32	9,180	14	6.30	72.14	94.45	575.62	391.00	152.70
8	123	13	354	5	2,900	5	3.00	15.50	12.40	141.50	270.00	54.00
5	49	11	241	5	4,650	4	2.80	30.12	28.73	126.30	54.25	42.00
...	...	15	148	5	1,450	4	1.75	22.50	10.00	45.25	96.75	...
26	334	23	1041	13	4,745	5	5.15	63.70	...	196.65	111.80	70.41
119	1986	155	4616	90	$42,345	47	$43.00	378.26	209.69	1834.02	$979.30	$766.01
92	1506	142	3584	84	42,956	48	...	345.13	173.13	1691.95	1460.10	593.82
27	480	13	1032	6	...	...	43.00	33.13	36.56	142.07	...	172.19
...	...	...	...	...	611	1	...	...	...	...	480.80	...

* Total amount paid on Self-support in 1892 was $32.30 not $6.30 as was erroneously reported.

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FUHKIEN PROVINCE

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7. Buo-dieng District.
8. Hok-chiang ,,
9. Hai-tang ,,

I. CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

The figures in the first column denote the year in which the preachers entered the traveling connection; those in the last column, the number of years in present appointment.

ELDERS.

1886	Brewster, W. N.	Missionary	Buo-dieng	District 5
1878	Ceng Cong Ming	Dai-cheng	Ing-chung	" 2
1873	Ciong Daik Liong	Deng-ceng	Hok-chiang	" 1
1877	Daing Gieng Ing	Presiding Elder	Iong-bing	" 5
1879	Dang Seng Ling	Hok-ing Dong	Foochow	" 2
1875	Ding Cing Guong	Boy's Boarding Sch. Hing-hua	Buo-dieng	" 6
1888	Ding Daik Liong	Loi-hung	Ku-cheng	" 1
1877	Ding Ga Sing	Lieng-ci-li	Buo-dieng	" 2
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu	Geng-giang	Hok-chiang	" 2
1884	Ding Iok Nguong	Liang-nang	Kucheng	" 2
1886	Ding Nik Sing	Gieng-sang	Sieng-iu	" 1
1877	Ding Siu Kung	Dong-hung	Kucheng	" 2
1877	Ding Soi Ling	Sieng-iu	Sieng-iu	" 2
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Woman's School, Kucheng	Kucheng	" 3
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Chong-tau	"	" 2
1878	Diong Seuk Buo	Iong-bing City	Iong-bing	" 5
1879	Hu Caik Hang	Hing-hua City	Buo-dieng	" 3
1860	Hu Bo Mi	Cing-Sing Dong	Foochow	" 2
1865	Hu Sing Mi	Superannuate	"	" 2
1877	Huong Daik Chiong	Siong Gong-ing	Hok-chiang	" 3
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	Hai-tang	" 1
1864	Iek Ing Guang	Tieng-ang Dong	Foochow	" 5
1877	Iong Daik Cheu	Presiding Elder	Ing-chung	" 2
1883	Lacy, Wm. H.	Superintendent Mission Press	Foochow	" 5
1877	Lau Guang Hung	Sek-ngo Du	Ming-chiang	" 3
1878	Li Diong Cui	Presiding Elder	Buo-dieng	" 7
	Li Nga Hung	Cong-ong	Sieng iu	" 2
1877	Ling Cing Cieng	Nang-nik	Buo-dieng	" 4
1887	Ling Ming Sang	Bing-hai	"	" 2
1877	Ling Ming Ciong	Presiding Elder	Sieng-iu	" 2
1883	Ling Saeng Lai	Supernumerary	Ing-chung	" 3
1878	Ling Sing Eu	Hang-geng	Buo-dieng	" 4
1879	Ling Seu Ing	Dio-a	Ku-cheng	" 1
	Mc Nabb, R. L.		In U. S. A.	" 1
1880	Miner G. S	Professor in A. C. College	Foochow	" 4
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	A-u	Hok-chiang	" 2
1873	Pang Ding Hie	Sa-gaing	Iong-bing	" 4
1870	Plumb, N. J.	Presiding Elder	Hok-chiang	" 1
1888	Saeng Hok Lieng	Hing-hua City School Monitor	Buo-dieng	" 1
1877	Sia Heng To	Monitor in A. C. College	Foochow	" 1
1873	Sia Lieng Li	U-iong	Ing-chung	" 1
1866	Sia Sek Ong	School of Theology	Foochow	" 7
1878	Sie Seng Cang	Sing-dong	Hok-chiang	" 2
1859	Sites, Nathan	Presiding Elder	Ming-chiang	" 2
1881	Smyth, Geo. B.	President of A. C. College	Foochow	" 11
1881	Song Guong Huo	Daik-hua	Ing-chung	" 2
1878	U Sieu E.	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang	" 3
1875	Uong Guok Hing	Chiak-cui	Ing-chung	" 1
1880	Wilcox, M. C.	Presiding Elder	Ku-cheng	" 8
1880	Worley, J. H.	Presiding Elder	Foochow	" 2

DEACONS.

1889	Ceng Ung Uong	Tang-tau	Hai-tang	District	2
1892	Ding Bo Cing	Duai-giang	Kucheng	,,	1
1892	Ding Daing Dieu	Ngu-Kang	Foochow	,,	4
1892	Ding Giu U	Sek-se Du	Iong-bing	,,	1
1889	Ling Mi Ing	Ngiu-seu	Hai-tang	,,	2
1892	Ling Heng Tung	Seng-leng	Ku-cheng	,,	2
1892	Ling Hung Cho	Tieng-hua	Sieng-iu	,,	2
1892	Ling Ui Sieng	Ding-sang	Kucheng	,,	2
1889	Saeng Nguk Chung	Puo-mui	Buo-dieng	,,	2
1889	Siek Sek Diong	Guang-au	,,	,,	2
1889	Tiang Nguk Ceu	Sek-baik Du	Kucheng	,,	3
1892	Tiang Nguk Chiu	Ne Du	Ming-chiang	,,	3
1892	Tiang Siong Hui	Sek-chek Du	Iong-bing	,,	1
1892	Ung Sing Chuang	Dai-ho	Hai-tang	,,	1
1889	Uong Di Gi	Girls' Boarding School	Foochow	,,	2
1892	U Seuk Hu	Lek Du	Ming-chiang	,,	4
1892	U Siu Ling	Ngu-ka	Hok-chiang	,,	3

PROBATIONERS.

1892	Ding Cing Seng	Sek-ek Du	Ming-chiang	District	3
1893	Co Kong Ching	Cing-sing Dong	Foochow	,,	2
1893	Ciong Hok Chu	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang	,,	2
1893	Cung Daik Ming	Chiong-hu-buang	Iong-bing	,,	2
1893	Ding Pe Dak	Ku-de	Kucheng	,,	2
1893	Ding Siu Cing	Baik Du	Ming-chiang	,,	2
1893	Dong Sieng Nguong	Lung-hu-sang	Sieng-iu	,,	2
1893	Ho Dieu Ieu	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang	,,	2
1894	Diong Hok Gi				
1894	Dong Ching Ga				
1894	Diong Giu Hua	Song-chiong	Iong-bing	,,	1
1894	Ho Ik Ngung	Siong-kong-ing	Hok-chiang	,,	1
1894	Li Gi Chiong	Siek-geng	Hok-chiang	,,	1
1894	Li Ko Ding	Bing-hai	Buo-dieng	,,	1
1884	Ling Cing Mi	Ku-de	Kucheng	,,	2
1894	Ling Dieu Gek	Cieng-buang	Foochow	,,	1
1894	Song Hok Ming	Gieng-dieng-li	Sieng-iu	,,	2
1894	Uong Huong Sing	Liang-nang	Kucheng	,,	2
1894	Uong Gi Uong	Nguong die	Foochow	,,	1
1994	Uong Hung Ngung	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang	,,	1
	U Tek Yuen	Central China Mission			
	Tsu Cheng Tsung	,, ,, ,,			
	Ching Yeng Kuai	,, ,, ,,			
	Lau No I	,, ,, ,,			
	Tsai Tek Kao	,, ,, ,,			
	Uang Siao Shau	,, ,, ,,			
	Hu Che Ping	,, ,, ,,			
	Tieng Yu Ming	,, ,, ,,			
	Chie Li Shen	,, ,, ,,			
	Irish, Ralph O.	,, ,, ,,			
	Jellison, E. R.	,, ,, ,,			

II. CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President.

WILLIAM X. NINDE, D.D.

Interpreter.

N. SITES.

English Secretary.

N. J. PLUMB.

Chinese Secretary.

UONG DI GI.

Assistant Chinese Secretary

HÜ CAIK HANG.

Statistical Secretary.

G. S. MINER.

Assistant

DING HIE UNG.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM H. LACY.

III. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

1. STANDING.

On Education.—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Ung Tiu, U Siu E.

On Sunday Schools.— N. J. Plumb, Ngoi Gi Lang, Diong Sëük Buo, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Nik Sing.

On Religious Literature.—N. Sites, Saëng Hok Lieng, Tiang Ngük Chiu, U Seük Hü.

On Temperance.—G. S. Miner, Iek Ing̀ Guang, Pang Ding Hie, Saeng Ngük Chung.

On Sabbath Observance.—W. N. Brewster, Hü Bö Mi, Ling Siu Ing, U Siu E, Ceng Cong Ming, Lng Mi Ing, Ding Suoi Ling.

On Self Support.—M. C. Wilcox, Dang Seng Ling, Ciong Daik Liong, Ling Heng Tung, Ceng Cong Ming, Li Nga Hung, Ling Seng Eü, Ding Cing Seng, Tiang Siong Hui.

2. SPECIAL.

On Conference Relations.—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, W. N. Brewster, G. S. Miner, Sia Sek Ong, Ngoi Gi Lang, Ding Ung Tiu, Nguong Guok Hing, Diong Seük Buo, Lau Guang Hüng, Ling Ming Sang, Li Nga Hung.

Conference Stewards.—J. H. Worley, Ling Seu Ing, Pang Ding Hie, Lau Guang Hüng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ceng Ung Uong, Saeng Hok Lieng, Li Nga Hung, Ceng Cong Ming.

To Publish the Minutes.—W. H. Lacy and the Secretaries.

IV. CONFERENCE BOARDS.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY TRUSTEES.

For Three Years.—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

For Two Years.—Hü Bö Mi, Chiong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

For One Year.—J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, Hü Caik Hang.

BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

Geo. B. Smyth, President.

Miss M. C. Hartford.	W. H. Lacy.
„ Lydia Trimble.	Hü Bö Mi.
Mrs. M. C. Wilcox.	Li Diong Cui.
„ W. N. Brewster.	Ding Ung Tiu.

V. ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1895.

1. EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Admission on Trial.—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang, Iek Ing Guang.

Class of the First Year.—N. J. Plumb, U Sieu E, Diong Seük Buo.

Class of the Second Year.—J. H. Worley, Sia Heng Tö, Dang Seng Ling, Ding Siu Küng.

Class of the Third Year.—N. Sites, Ciong Daik Liong, Daing Gieng Ing, Ding Cing Guong.

Class of the Fourth Year.—M. C. Wilcox, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Ding Ga Sing.

For Local Orders.—W. H. Lacy, Uong Di Gi, Lau Guang Hüng, Sie Sing Cang.

For Girls' School Teachers.—Hü Bö Mi, Iong Daik Cheu, Iek Ing Guang, Ling Ming Ciong.

2. ANNIVERSARIES.

To Preach Conference Sermon.—Sia Heng Tö; alternate, Diong Seük Buo.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—G. B. Smyth; alternate, Sie Seng Chang.

3. FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To the American Board Mission.—J. H. Worley, Dang Seng Ling.

To the Anglican Mission.—G. B. Smyth, Hü Bö Mi.

4. FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Presbyterian Missions in Amoy.—N. J. Plumb, Iong Daik Cheu.

To the Central China M. E. Mission.—M. C. Wilcox, Daing Gieng Ing.

To the North China Conference.—W. H. Lacy.

To the West China M. E. Mission.—G. S. Miner.

To S. L. Baldwin, D. D.—N. J. Plumb. To Rev. F. Ohlinger.—W. N. Brewster.

5. COMMITTEE.

To Prepare Conference Program.—The Missionaries, Sia Sek Ong, and Iek Ing Guang.

VI. CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

In the Studies of the Fourth Year.—Cüng Daik Ming, Li Gi Chiong, Ling Hung Deng, Ling Uang Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, U Seük Hu, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Sieu, U Siu Ling, Tiang Siong Hui.

In the Studies of the Third Year.—Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Huong Sing, Ding Giu U, Ding Bö Cing, Tiang Ngük Chiu.

In the Studies of the Second Year.—Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Ciong Hok Chü, Ding Cing Seng, Ralph O. Irish, Ernest R. Jelleson, Liu Mo Gi, Chu Tsing Cheng.

In the Studies of the First Year.—Hö Dieu Iu, Ding Siu Cing, Ding Bek Dak, Uang Sia Sang, Diong Giu Hua, Ding Ui Se, Cing Hung Kuai, Tsai Iek Kao, Wu Tek Yuen, Chie Li Shen, Uong Hung Ngüng, Uong Gi Uong, Hö Ik Ngung, Ding Giu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Diong Hok Gi, Dong Ceng Ga, Tieng Yu Min, Ho Chi Pin.

VII. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.— *Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences?*
Ernest R. Jellison and Ralph O. Irish from the Wisconsin Conf.

2.— *Who have been readmitted?*
None.

3.— *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4.— *Who have been Received on trial?*
Uong Hung Ngüng, Uong Gi Uong, Hö Ik Ngüng, Ding Giu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Diong Hok Gi, Dong Chêng Ka, Tieng Yu Min, Hu Chi Pin.

5.— *Who have been Continued on trial?*
(a) In studies of first year: Hö Dieu Ieu, Ding Siu Ching, Ding Be Dak, Uong Sia Sang, Ching Yung Kwai, Tsai Yek Kao, Wu Teh Yuen, Chie Li Shen.
(b) In studies of second year: Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chü, Ding Ching Seng, Ralph O. Irish Ernest R. Jellison, Liu Mo Yi, Chu Tsing Cheng.
(c) In studies of third year: Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Huong Sing.
(d) In studies of fourth year: Cüng Daik Ming, Li Gi Chiong.

6.— *Who have been discontinued?*
Ding Hie Ung.

7.— *Who have been admitted into full membership?*
Ding Kiu U, Ding Bö Cing, Tiang Ngük Chiu, U Siu Ling, Ung Seng Chuang, Ling Heng Tung, Li Guong Sieu, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Ding Daing Dieu, U Seuk Hu.

8.— *What members are in studies of the Third year?*
(a) Admitted into full membership this year: Ding Giu U, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Cing Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, U Seuk Hu, Ding Bö Cing, U Siu Ling, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Sieu, Ding Daing Dieu.
(b) Admitted into full membership previously: Cheng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing.

9.— *What Members are in studies of fourth year?*

Cheng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Saeng Nguk Cheng, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong.

10.— *What Members have completed the Conference course of study?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year: Ding Nik Sing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously: None.

11.— *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) As Local Deacons:
Ding Hiong Ching.

(b) Under Missionary Rule:
None.

12.— *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) As Local Deacons:
None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule:
None.

13.— *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14.— *Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?*

Nick Sing Ek, in studies of fourth year to North China Conference; Hu Chi Pin to South Germany Conference; Li Shan Wen, Gok Ki, Lao Chie Ling, Song Kiu Ko, Song Ngie, to North China.

15.— *Have any died?*

None.

16.— *Who have located at their own Request?*

None.

17.— *Who have been located?*

None.

18.— *Who have withdrawn?*

None.

19.— *Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?*

None

20.— *Who have been expelled?*

None

21.— *What other personal notation should be made?*

None.

22.— *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Ling Saeng Lai.

23.— *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Hu Sing Mi.

24.— *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

None selected.

25.— *What is the Statistical Report for the year?*

See Statistical Tables.

26.— *What is the aggregate of Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

Mexicans, $405.34.

27.— *What are the claims on the Conference Funds?*

Mexicans, $294.40.

28.— *What has been Received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*

Mexicans $99.04 and Gold $365. See Stewards' Report.

29.— *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See Appointments.

30.— *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Tieng-ang Dong, Foochow.

VIII. JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

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FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1894.

Opening.—The eighteenth session of the Foochow Conference convened at Tieng-ang Dong, Nov. 23,1894, at 9.00 o'clock A. M. Bishop W. X. Ninde called the Conference to order and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He then briefly addressed the Conference, expressing his great pleasure in being in Foochow, and gave the greetings of Bishop Foster and Dr. Leonard, and Dr. S. L. Baldwin, so long a missionary in Foochow.

Roll Call.—The roll of the conference was called by last years Secretary and the large numbers responding to their names showed a full attendance.

Election of Officers.—The Secretaries were then elected by ballot as follows: N. J. Plumb English Secretary, Uong Di Gi Chinese Secretary; Hü Caik Hang was chosen assistant Chinese Secretary. G. S Miner was elected Statistical Secretary and he chose Ding Hie Ung as his assistant. N. Sites was elected Interpreter and W. H. Lacy, Treasurer.

Standing Committees.—The following Standing Committees were then appointed.

On Education.— G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Ung Tieu, U Sieu E.

On Sunday Schools.— N. J. Plumb, Ngoi Gi Lang, Diong Seuk Buo, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Nik Sing.

On Religious Literature.—N. Sites, Saeng Hok Lieng, Tiang Ngük Ceü, U Seuk Hu.

On Temperance.—G. S. Miner, Iek Ing Giang, Pang Ding Hie, Saeng Ngük Chung.

for taking the vote on these questions J. H. Worley was requested to translate them.

Introductions.—At this time the Rev. John Watson of the English Presbyterian Mission of Amoy was introduced and addressed the Conference in the Amoy dialect. On motion he was invited to sit within the bar of the Conference as a Corresponding Member.

The Tenth Question.—The Bishop called the 10th question. "Who have completed the Conference course of study?"

The names of the following persons were called, their characters were passed and they were elected to elders orders: Ding Nik Sing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong.

The Thirteenth Question.—The 13th question was again taken up and the name of M. C. Wilcox Presiding Elder of the Kucheng District was called. His character was passed and he gave a good report of his District. The characters of the following effective Elders were passed: Diong Ming Dung, Ding Siu Küng, Ding Ung Tieu, Ling Siu Ing.

The name of Iong Daik Cheu Presiding Elder of the Ing-chung District was called, his character passed and he represented his District.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their collections: Sia Lieng Li, Song Guong Huo, Ceng Cong Ming, Uong Guok Hing

The name of Daing Gieng Ing Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District was called, his character passed and he reported his District.

The names of Diong Seuk Buo, and Pang Ding Hie, effective elders were called, their characters were passed and they reported their collections.

Li Diong Cui Presiding Elder represented the Hing-hua District. The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and they reported their collections: Ling Seng Eü, Ling Cing Cieng, Ling Ming Sang, Hü Chaik Hang, Ding Cing Guong.

Ling Ming Chiong represented the Sieng-iu District. Ding Ga Sing, Li Nga Hung, Ding Soi Ling, effective elders reported their collections and their characters were passed.

Reception of Delegates.—N. J. Plumb, ten o'clock on motion next was fixed as the hour for the reception of fraternal

delegates and the reading of letters of greeting from other churches and missions

Tuesday

Sermon.—The Bishop appointed Sia Sek Ong to preach the sermon to the candidates for ordination on Sunday afternoon.

The Thirteenth Question.—The name of Sia Heng Tó Presiding Elder of the Hai-tang District was called, and he represented his work. During the reading of his report the time was extended.

Adjournment.—The announcements were then made and the Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J Watson.

THIRD DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 26TH, 1894.

Opening.—The Conferences met at 8.30 A. M. Bishop Ninde in the chair.

The Religious exercises were conducted by U Sieu E.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Conference Stewards.—The Conference Stewards were elected as follows:J. H. Worley, Ling Seu Ing, Pang Ding Hie, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ceng Ung Uong, Saeng Hok Lieng, Li Nga Hung, Ceng Cong Ming.

Preachers Aid Society.—The following persons were elected as Trustees for three years to fill the vacancy of expired terms: G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

Change of Order of the Day.—Translation of the paper concerning changes in the Discipline not having been completed, on motion the hour for voting on them was changed to tomorrow morning immediately after the reading of the minutes.

The Thirteenth Question.—The 13th question was again taken up and N. Sites, Presiding Elder of the Ming-chieng District, reported his work.

The name of Lau Guang Hung an effective elder was called. He reported his missionary collection and his character was passed.

The Fifth Question.—The 5th question. "Who are continued on trial?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of the

for taking the vote on these questions. J. H. Worley was requested to translate them.

Introductions.—At this time the Rev. John Watson of the English Presbyterian Mission of Amoy was introduced and addressed the Conference in the Amoy dialect. On motion he was invited to sit within the bar of the Conference as a Corresponding Member.

The Tenth Question.—The Bishop called the 10th question, "Who have completed the Conference course of study?"

The names of the following persons were called, their characters were passed and they were elected to elders orders: Ding Nik Sing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Dai Liong.

The Thirteenth Question.—The 13th question was again taken up and the name of M. C. Wilcox Presiding Elder of the Kucheng District was called. His character was passed and he gave a good report of his District. The characters of the following effective elders were passed: Diong Ming Dung, Ding Siu Küng, Ding Ung Tieu, Ling Siu Ing.

The name of Iong Daik Cheu Presiding Elder of the Ing-chung District was called, his character passed and he represented his District.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their collections: Sia Lieng Li, Song Guong Huo, Ceng Cong Ming, Uong Guok Hing.

The name of Daing Gieng Ing Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District was called, his character passed and he reported his District.

The names of Diong Seuk Buo, and Fang Ding Hie, effective elders were called, their characters were passed and they reported their collections.

Li Diong Cui Presiding Elder represented the Hing-hua District. The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their collections: Ling Seng Eü, Ling Cing Cieng, Ling Ming Sang, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Cing Guong.

Ling Ming Chiong represented the Sieng-iu District. Ding Ga Sing, Li Nga Hung, Ding Soi Ling, effective elders, reported their collections and their characters were passed.

Reception of Delegates.— On motion of N. J. Plumb, ten o'clock on next Tuesday was fixed as the hour for the reception of

Adjournment.—The announcements were made, the Doxlogy was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by N. J. Plumb.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1894.

Opening.—The Conference assembled at 8.30, Bishop Ninde in the chair. The Devotional services were conducted by Ling Seng Eü.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day was taken up. M. C. Wilcox and Sia Sek Ong were appointed tellers.

The subject of equal lay and ministerial representation was carefully considered, with the result of a unanimous vote in favor of the change, 48 votes having been cast.

The vote on the proposition to change the ratio of ministerial representation stood for First form 34 yeas, 14 Nays; Second form 48 yeas, 10 Nays.

The vote on changing the time of the meeting of the General Conference from May 1st to the first Wednesday in May, stood unanimously in favor of the change.

Reception of Delegates.—The hour of the day was then taken up, and the Rev. C. Hartwell and the Rev. Mr. Ding of the Am. Board Mission, the Rev. W. Banister and the Rev. Mr Ding of the Church Mission were introduced and addressed the Conference.

The earnest expression of a desire for genuine cooperation and unity of spirit in our work, and the necessity of a baptism of the Holy Spirit given by the various speakers were highly appreciated by the Conference. Bishop Ninde responded in a few well chosen words. A fraternal letter of greeting from the Central China Mission was read by the secretary, and a few words of greeting from F. Ohlinger were given by N. Sites. At the suggestion of the Bishop the few remaining moments were devoted to prayer by the visiting brethren. The Rev. Mr. Ding and the Rev. W. Banister led the Conference in prayer.

Adjournment.—The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and the Benediction by Rev. C. Hartwell.

FIFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 1894.

Opening.—The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Ninde in the chair. M. C. Wilcox conducted the Religious exercises. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Book Concern Dividend.—On motion a Draft on the Book Concern for the amount due the Conference for the Superannuated Preachers was ordered.

The Fourth Question.—The 4th question, "Who have been received on trial?" was resumed. By permission Ho Ik Ngüng who had been previously admittted made a few remarks. The following persons having been duly recommended were received on trial: Li Ka Ding, Diong Giu Hua, Li Dieu Gek, Ding Hok Gi, Tong Ching Ka.

The following not having been recommended by the committee on Conference Relations, on motion the presiding Elder was allowed to withdraw their names and employ them in the work: Siek Gi Chiong, Guok Chiong Hu, Ung Uong Chui.

The Fifth Question.— The 5th question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up.

Ding Hie Ung was granted a location at his own request.

Song Hok Ming was continued on trial in the 3rd year studies. Ding Siu Ching and Ding Be Dak were absent owing to sickness, and were left in the first year studies. Chö Kong Ching was passed to the second year studies, but as he was deficient in his essay work he was required to bring this up next year. Ho Dieu Iu was not examined and remains in the first year studies.

Introduction.—At this point the Hon. J. C. Hixson, U. S. Consul, was introduced and addressed the Conference, highly commending the Missionary work of the Church in China. N. J. Plumb offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved.— That we have listened with the greatest pleasure and profit to the remarks of the Hon. J. C. Hixson, U. S. Consul, and that we have already in the short time he has been here been made to realize that an intelligent and energetic man has been sent to act as the repre-

sentative of the United States and we trust he may be continued with us for many years.

Petition by Woman's Conference.—At this point the Woman's Conference came in a body and presented a petition on foot-binding, earnestly requesting the hearty cooperation of the Conference in the work of doing away with this pernicious custom.

The subject was discussed at some length and the following committee was appointed to prepare resolutions to present to the conference: Hü Bo Mi, Hü Caik Hang, Lau Guang Hüng, Diong Seuk Buo, Ngoi Gi Lang, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Nik Sing, Iong Daik Cheu, Ding Siu Küng.

Adjournment.—On motion of M. C. Wilcox it was decided that when we adjourn it will be meet at 3.00 o'clock P. M. to day.

The Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Doxology and the Benediction by Iek Ing Guang.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Ninde presiding. The devotions were conducted by Daing Gieng Ing. The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

The Fourth Question.—The 4th question was again taken up. The names of the following persons were called, their characters passed, and they were continued on trial in the 2nd years studies: Diong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chu. Also Ralph O. Irish, E. R. Jellison, Cheng Yeng Kwai, Uong Siu Sang, Tai Tek Kuo, Chia Li Seng, Lau No I, Tsu Cheng Tsing, of the Central China Mission, were left on trial in the 2nd years studies.

The following persons recommended by the Central China Mission were received on trial: Tieng Yu Min, Hu Chi Pin.

The Tenth Question.—Under the question, "What traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons"? The names of the following persons were called, their characters were passed, and they reported their missionary collections. They were addressed by the Bishop and asked the Disciplinary Questions: Ding Giu U, Ding Bo Cing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Tiang Siong Hui, U Seuk Hu, Ü Sieu Ling, Ding Daing Dieu, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Sieu. These having been duly examined and

recomended were elected to Deacons orders.

Ling Cing Mi and Uong Huong Sing remain on trial in the 3rd year studies, and Li Ki Chiong and Ceng Daik Ming in the 4th year studies. Ding Ching Seng remains on trial in the 2nd year studies.

The Eleventh Question.— Under the 11th question, Ding Hiong Ching was elected to Local Deacon's orders. The Conference then adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by G. B. Smyth.

SIXTH DAY, THURSDAY, NOV, 29TH, 1894.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A. M. Bishop Ninde in the chair. The Religious services were conducted by Lau Guang Hüng. The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Twenty-second Question.—Who are the Supernumeraries? was called, and Ling Saeng Lai was continued in this relation.

The Twenty-third Question.—Was called and Hü Sing Mi was continued in the Superannuate relation.

The Thirtieth Question.—"Where shall the next Conference be held?" was called. Foochow, Hing-hna, and Ku-cheng were put in nomination and by a rising vote Foochow was selected.

The Twenty-fifth Question.— The Bishop called for the statistical report and a Summary was read by the secretary, showing a large advance, especially in the item of pastoral support.

Reports.—The Bishop called for the reports of the standing committees. G. B. Smyth submitted the report of the committee on Education which was read in Chinese and adopted. (See Reports.)

N. J. Plumb submitted the report of the committee on Sabbath schools, which was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

N. Sites presented the report of the committee on Religious Literature which was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Treasurer's Report.—The Bishop called for the Treasurer's Report which was presented and read in Chinese by W. H. Lacy.

The Report on Self-support was presented by M. C. Wilcox. This was discussed at some length and after some amendments and changes was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Report of the Conference Stewards was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

W. N. Brewster presented the Report of the committee on Sabbath Observance, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion it was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3.00 o'clock P. M.

The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Doxology and the Benediction by G. S. Miner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.— The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Ninde in the chair. N. Sites conducted the religious exercises. The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Reports— M. C. Wilcox presented the report of the Ku-cheng Boys' Boarding school, W. N. Brewster the report of the school at Hinghua, and J. H. Worley of that at Foochow. These reports were accepted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

N. J. Plumb presented the Report of the Fohkien Christian Advocate which was received and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

W. H. Lacy presented the report of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society which was read and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The Report of the Foochow Mission Press, was presented by W. H. Lacy and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The Committee on a Central Publishing House presented a report which was adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The Committee on Foot-binding presented its report which was unanimously adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The Report of the Board of Deaconesses was presented and unanimously adopted. (See Reports.)

N. J. Plumb presented a verbal report on the question of a Central Church Congress and offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED.— That this Conference concurs in the proposition of the Central China Mission in regard to holding a preliminary council in Shanghai in 1895 and that W. H. Lacy, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, G. B. Smyth, and W. N. Brewster be appointed a committee to make arrangements for such a meeting.

G. B. Smyth presented his report of the Anglo-Chinese College which was read and adopted and ordered printed. (See Reports.)

The Bishop presented the following Certificate of ordination.

This Certifies that on Nov. 28th, 1894, in Foochow, China, I ordained to the office of DEACON, Diong Giu U, Tiang Ngŭk Chiu, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Tiang Siong Hui, Ling Hung Cho, U Seuk Hu, Ding Bŏ Cing, U Siu Ling, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Sieu, Ding Daing Dieu, and Ding Hiong Ching.

Also at the same time and place with the assistance of several Elders I ordained to the Office of ELDER, Ding Nik Sing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Ding Hieng Ngieu, and Ding Dai Liong.

W. X. Ninde.

Complimentary Resolutions.— M. C. Wilcox and W. H. Lacy offered the following resolutions concerning Bishop Ninde, which were adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED.— That we hereby express our hearty satisfaction at having with us our beloved Bishop Ninde, D. D., L. L. D.

RESOLVED.—That his presidency over our Conference, his sermons and addresses, as well as his personal intercourse, have been exceedingly helpful and inspiring and it would give us great pleasure, if in the providence of God he should be permitted to again preside in our Conference.

RESOLVED.—That we will hold Bishop Ninde in affectionate remembrance and pray that he and Mrs. Ninde, together with their sons George and Frederic, may have a safe and pleasant journey to the h ome land.

J. H. Worley and G. S. Miner offered the following resolutions concerning Mrs. Mary C. Nind:

WHEREAS.—Mrs. Mary C. Nind has greatly edified us by her sermons and addresses, and by her kindly words and manner endeared herself to us;

RESOLVED.—That we will pray God's richest blessing upon her as she returns to the home land to plead for the cause of Missions so dear to her heart.

Board of Deaconesses.—On motion the last years Board was reelected.

Standing Committees.— On motion of N. J. Plumb the Missionaries and Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the next Conference.

Official Minutes.—On motion the printed English Minutes as prepared by the secretary were made the Official Minutes of the Conference.

Vote of Thanks.—On motion the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the entertainment committee, and also to Dr. Sites and Miss Sites for interpreting.

The minutes of the session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The 165th Hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Sia Heng Tò and G. B. Smyth. The Bishop gave an interesting and instructive address. The appointments were read by the secretary, and the Conference adjourned with the Doxology and the Benediction by the Bishop.

N. J. Plumb,
Secretary.

William X. Ninde,
President.

IX. REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

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FOOCHOW DISTRICT

J. H. Worley, P. E.

At the last session of conference this district was divided and Rev. Dr. N. Sites, who had faithfully served as presiding elder for several years, was appointed to Ming-chiang, the new district.

The Foochow District comprises Foochow City and the two adjacent counties, with a population of three millions or more. At Foochow are located the Anglo-Chinese College, Theological Seminary, Boys' Boarding School, Mission Publishing House, Girls' Boarding School, Woman's School, High Class Seminary, and two Hospitals for women and children, besides several dispensaries. All these institutions are doing noble service in winning souls for Christ and building up an intelligent, progressive church. Reports of these several departments will be made by those in charge.

The year drawing to a close has been one of unusual prosperity not only in winning souls from heathenism, but in the deepening of spiritual life among the ministry and membership, and a more thorough consecration to the work. The gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit which began last winter continues to the present, removing barriers, breaking down opposition, opening the hearts of the people to receive the truth and welcome God's messengers, and giving unction to the preached Word. Every circuit and station has been blessed with a revival, and fifteen new preaching places have been opened.

A revival at Tieng-ang Dong (church of the Heavenly Rest) Foochow, last winter, resulted in one hundred and seven conversions, besides leaving a lasting impression upon the unbelievers. At the Anglo-Chinese College another revival recently broke out under the inspiration of a sermon preached by Dr. Sia Sek Ong in memory of four students who were drowned. Forty two students have come out on the Lord's side and others are under conviction. One encouraging feature of these meetings is that deep conviction and pungent sorrow for sin and clear joyous experience of pardon are manifest. The spirit of revival is abroad

in all our schools and churches.

Notwithstanding we were short of funds at the beginning of the year, our staff of workers has more than doubled, and we are still sending more laborers into the harvest field. Every available man is being utilized to gather in the ripened grain. Most of these recruits are from the Theological Seminary, but several literary men, recently converted, are successful workers. Besides these, eight earnest colporters are scattering the Word, far and wide, and visiting many villages where the Gospel has never been preached.

A new method of evangelization is by means of a stereopticon and traveling dispensary. I have secured a native Christian physician who has had five years training in Western medicine and hospital work, besides two years practice, to visit new regions. While prescribing for the diseased body, he points the patients to the Great Physician who healeth all diseases and forgiveth all iniquities. Another man with a stereopticon accompanies him, and at night, by use of Biblical scenes, tells the story of the Cross. I hope soon to have one of our best native evangelists to travel with them. This is only an experiment, and has not been tried long, but from present indications there is much to hope for the future. This vigorous campaign which resounds with shouts of victory is made possible by generous aid, supplemental to the Societies grant, from God's children in America who responded as by magic to our pleas for help in time of great need.

Two other features of the evangelistic work are of special interest. 1st. The large heathen Sunday School carried on at Cing-Sing Dong (church of the true God) by Mr. and Mrs. Lacy and Miss Bosworth. This enterprise was inaugurated nearly two years ago and steadily grew until both the inner and outer chapel are filled, numbering more than three hundred women and children. The large ingathering at that church this year is probably the result of their efforts. The assistant pastor recently told me a great change was taking place, as the people were becoming more and more friendly. Now he often receives invitations to their shops and homes to drink tea and teach the doctrine. At the street chapel preaching, which is especially for the heathen, are found many more of the neighbors than was formerly the case.

2nd. The large number of boys gathered into day schools by Mr.

Miner. Last year he had but three schools; this year he has sixteen and is planning for fifty next year, and I hope to have many more, so we shall have several thousand students under our instruction. These schools are supported wholly by special contributions and are proving very successful in bringing the first knowledge of salvation to a large number of people and preparing the way for a greater triumph of the Gospel and the establishment of Christian churches. Many of the new places opened this year are the result of these schools. There is no better way to reach the Chinese than through the education of their children.

A number of building enterprises are already on foot, and before another conference we expect to dedicate several new churches. There are only six church edifices on the district, so most of our congregations are compelled to worship in small rented places where in many instances not half of those who desire to hear can gain admission.

HAI TANG DISTRICT.

SIA HENG TÓ, P. E.

Hai-tang island was made a separate District about seven years ago. Since my appointment to this important work some years ago I have followed the foot steps of my industrious predecessors.

The preachers have worked hard and in harmony, preaching the Gospel, removing the barriers, breaking down opposition, organizing and strengthening the church purchased by the atoning blood of the Savior, laying the foundations upon the Rock of Ages.

It is a matter of great rejoicing that the preachers have been of one heart and one mind with me in the work of building up the church in accordance with the Discipline and guiding those who come into the way of repentance, that they might obtain forgiveness of their sins and flee from the wrath to come.

At present the membership is not large and when we examine them carefully we find that not a few are still unconverted It is there-

fore our earnest purpose to repair our Jerusalem, and build up the Spiritual Temple in the hearts of the people, that the church may indeed be a new Jerusalem strong and active.

We regret to say that some of the official members are not as faithful as they should be. They do not highly esteem the Grace of God as the chief thing, but still hold on to worldly pleasures and give them the first place in their hearts. The example of the Roman Catholics in advancing their worldly interests has been very harmful.

The members are more inclined to covetousness than formerly and a few have even left us and joined the Catholics. The saying of our Lord, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light," is fulfilled.

We have been greatly benefitted by our Missionary Rev. N. J. Plumb. He made us two visits to encourage the people and hold revival meetings at the district conference. We were led to consecrate our bodies a living sacrifice. In this whole island there are about 50 or 60 thousand people and those within the church, men and women, old and young, are about 600 persons; only one in a hundred of the population being Christian. Besides the places now occupied their are two more islands where preachers should be sent. Two years they have been put down on the appointment but no one has been sent. I earnestly beg our bishop to appoint preachers to these two places. Although there are only a few probationers this year, all the preachers have been industrious and successful in the work of repairing the walls of our Jerusalem which have been broken down.

At A-sang about 20 li from Sang-lie ten families have joined the church including members and probationers. They had belonged to the English church. For over ten years this church stood still unable to make any progress. So this fall the Anglicans gladly handed them over to us. Since then we have often visited their homes to conduct services and instruct them. At first we thought they understood imperfectly, but found that they did not all believe the true doctrine.

I hope soon all will believe in Jesus, that there may be one fold in Christ. We have on the district 5 Boys' Schools and 6 Girls' Schools which are very helpful to the work. The pastors do their utmost to induce the members to contribute more liberally to the required collections.

More time has been given to instructing the members of the church than preaching to the heathen. The result of the year's work calls for songs of gladness and mutual congratulations for the success which has attended our labors. We labor on in the hope of a plentiful harvest. This is only a general view of the work. I earnestly ask all your prayers for the District that the coming year may show a still more prosperous condition.

BUO DIENG DISTRICT.

LI DIONG CUI, P. E.

As the church in the Hing-hua district had grown so large, the Bishop divided it into two districts.

I was appointed Elder of the Buo-dieng portion of the Hing-hua district. During the year the church has grown in nearly all parts of the district, because the people gladly hear and accept the Gospel. Many new places asked for pastors to teach them the way of salvation.

Truly the "Harvest is plenteous, but the laborers few." We have appointed many local preachers and exhorters as junior preachers, to open these new places. We realize that the work of these men has brought blessing to the church in many places.

Regarding the various circuits in particular; Po-hi was formerly reported to be "like a withered tree"; this year two new classes have been opened and four preachers have been appointed to it. It has increased 150 members and probationers. It has blossomed out as a tree in the spring time.

Nang-nik was reported as "a circuit about to die"; but this year it has been resurrected, a new class has been opened, and there has been an increase of 30 adults.

Bing-hai circuit; last year an earnest and mature pastor, an elder in the Conference, was appointed in charge. Two new classes have been opened. Five preachers have been working in this wide

field. While the report does not indicate an increase, yet the false members of former years have been weeded out, the church has been purified and strengthened, and has had real prosperity.

Kio-siok circuit is a hard field. Gui-cho, one of the points on this circuit, has had a good increase, and they are planning to build a new church next year.

Kau-bok circuit has had an increase of 100; a new circuit has been set off from it, and a new class opened.

Hang-gang and Deng-sing were formerly one circuit, but this year each has a junior preacher. They have had a good year.

Guang-au circuit was divided into two last year, Uong-ciak being set off by itself. Three new classes have been opened, and five preachers are at work. The report shows an increase of about 100 adults. At Guang-au a beautiful new church has been built, and at Dang-moi and Dang-sua, plans are on foot to build in the near future.

Uong-ciak, the head of this circuit has had no special increase, yet the circuit has had a prosperous year. Four new places have been opened, and there has been an increase of about 100.

Dang-moi-gua circuit was set off from the Hing-hua city circuit last year. Although there has been no special growth, yet the church has improved in many ways.

Hing-hua city circuit has been self-supporting this year.

There is a leper village outside the West gate, where we have had several Christians for many years. This year, in response to an appeal published in one of the papers in America, friends sent about $500.00 with which a large and comfortable chapel has been built in the village, and a pastor is faithfully teaching these poor people the way of Life.

The church in the city has not had any special ingathering, because the old church was so crowded that there has been no place for new people to sit if they came. But we have been greatly blessed of God in receiving a large gift from a friend in America, to build a new church. It is now about completed, except painting, and we have had no disturbance from the people during its erection.

During the past 3 or 4 years the church in Hing-hua has grown rapidly on all lines, and the number of preachers has greatly increased.

The reason for this is that through the grace of God, the people have increased their contributions to the support of the Gospel, and friends in America have supplemented the appropriations of the Missionary Society with special gifts, making it possible to appoint pastors to new places, as the way opened before us.

One important feature of the work of the year has been bringing the church to a more perfect observance of the Sabbath. We have organized a service for Sunday afternoons at every place, and the people are required to attend. Those members who refuse to attend, and do not keep the Sabbath, afternoon as well as forenoon, are prohibited from partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and no probationers are baptized or received into full connection in the church, who are not fully keeping the Sabbath. At the 4th quarterly meetings and District Conference those official members who were not keeping the Sabbath were deprived of their office.

We have great reason to thank the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for sending us Miss Wilson, who has been incessant and fruitful in labors, and has been a very great help to the work.

The entire increase of church members, probationers and children over last year is 740. Increase in contributions is $1017.21

I hope you will all pray that the Buo-dieng district may continue to increase in members and in holy living.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG P. E.

Immediately after the last Conference my preachers and I met at Ngu-cheng with some of the foreigners to consider plans of work for the coming year. In the revival meetings conducted by Mr. Plumb all were filled with pentecostal zeal. As a result each was willing to bear any cross for Jesus Christ. Rev. G. S. Miner discussed the best method of preaching.

Misses Bonafield Wilkinson and Trimble supported several

preachers who were appointed to new places. The increased earnestness of the pastors resulted in more prosperous churches. We now come up to Conference praising God and bringing the report of sheaves gathered.

On the Hok-chiang city circuit over fifty families have become Christians and two new places have been opened.

At Ngu-cheng more than 100 families have become Christians. The chapel will accommodate about 400 and is too small for the congregations which at quarterly meetings number 700 or 800. Then nearly one half of the audience must stand in the open air. Last summer I requested the missionaries to ask the church in America for money to build a chapel. We have already subscribed $400.

Ngü-ka circuit is as a withered plant sprouting in spring. Over 100 families have joined the church and two new places have been opened. At the fourth quarterly meeting thirty persons were baptized and joined the church.

Siek-gëng, Hai-ieu, Hai-kau, and Sing-dong have each had an increase of over ten families.

At Gëng-giang and Gong-ing although the increase in membership was small yet all the Christians are more earnest. An increase of $20 in all collections on the Gëng-giang circuit has been saved for the beginning of self-support. Another preacher is very greatly needed.

A-ü, Sang-sang, Dëng-aing are very prosperous, at each place more than ten families having become Christians.

Dëng-cheng, a new circuit situated north of Hok-chiang city, is very prosperous. The members have subscribed money towards purchasing a chapel as the lease of the present chapel will soon expire.

The pastor on Au-buo circuit near A-gong-ing is supported by the Christians of Hok-chiang district. Seven or eight Christian families have been received during the year.

There have been on the entire district over 200 adults baptized and received into full membership. Increase in probationers nearly 600; children baptized over 100; advance in all collections more than 100.

ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

IONG DAIK CHEU, P. E.

Last year the Bishop appointed me to superintend the Ing-chung District. This I have found to be a very important office and I fear I have been very deficient.

The territery is large and the workers few. There has been some persecution at one or two places.

One year ago the Leng-cūi-ding circuit was divided and is doing better.

Daik-hua circuit is about as before but Au-bung has had some prosperity.

Chiak-cūi circuit has had a good year, several new members being added, including some shop-keepers.

At Dai-cheng the members are very devoted.

To-nguong circuit after standing still for ten years or more has this year prospered.

The members at Ngo-bo are very earnest and harmonious.

On Uong-hu circuit the Christians are firm in the faith. Several years ago the work at Tong-tau was given up on account of lack of interest but now we are urged to return and there is great hope of prosperity.

U-iong circuit has over forty members, some of whom are very earnest but the majority are lacking in zeal.

This is an outline of the condition of the Ing-chung District.

IONG BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, P. E.

I have been Presiding Elder of this district four years, the last of which has shown the greatest prosperity. I will give a brief account of

the various circuits.

The Iong-bing city circuit has had the best year in its history. At Ding-dong, seven miles distant, a good work has been started. For a time the enemies of the Gospel opposed the truth, but it has already triumphed.

At Ciong-hu-buang several families have been added to the church and believers revived. The work has been greatly assisted by the schools.

Sek-se-du is a very wicked place and has not prospered, but at Sek-chek-du quite a good work has been begun.

Iu-kä circuit has three classes, that at Lĕk-du being the most prosperous.

Ngo-sek-du, including Sing-gio, has had a good year, the members and probationers having increased.

At Sä-kä Kau and Iong-de the members are few but firm in the faith.

The people at Se-sek-ngo-du and Sé-sĕk-du are glad to hear the Gospel and some have joined on probation and in full.

Hu-nguong circuit has four preaching places and but one preacher who is in great need of assistance.

Sa-gaing has improved some, several members being added.

Song-chiong has about held its own.

This is merely an outline statement of the vast, needy Iong-bing District.

KU CHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. Wilcox, P. E.

In presenting my seventh report of the district I desire at the outset to express my gratitude to God for the blessings and mercies which have crowned these seven years, as regards myself and my beloved fellow-workers in the Gospel.

This district now embraces not only Ku-cheng civil district, or county, but also several flourishing circuits in Bing-nang county on

the north-east, several appointments in the Giong-ming prefecture on the north-west, and has recently extended its operations into the Ming-chiang civil district on the south. In fact, the time is not far distant when this territory should be divided into two presiding-elder districts.

From every direction come calls for preachers, pastor-teachers, etc. The possibilities for expansion and growth are limited only by the means necessary to support workers in new fields. Despite the reduced appropriations the special contributions received from America during the last six months have enabled me not only to retain my original band of workers intact, but to appoint men to quite a number of new places. For this special help I desire most heartily to thank the donors and to bespeak a continuance of their special aid, that the work their beneficence has made possible may be supported and extended.

For years past the greatest prosperity has been in the work somewhat recently established. Seng-leng however after twenty years or more of stagnation, and yet of seed-sowing, has this year experienced a blessed revival. Loi-hung another old circuit has had a good year. Dong-huang still another, has made some advance. On account of illness, the pastor at Chong-tau has been unable to push the work. Still something has been accomplished. Among those baptized at the fourth quarterly meeting was a man sixty-eight years of age, who every Sunday walks eight miles and return to hear the Gospel. Among the probationers is an ex-Tauist priest, a man of high literary standing, whose home is several miles from Chong-tau. He is very earnest and together with his wife and two children will make valuable accessions to the church. He gladly welcomes preaching services at his house for the benefit of his fellow-villagers.

Dio-a also in the Bing-nang civil district, has had another prosperous year and the light is shining from there into many dark places. Ten miles beyond Dio-a is Liang-tau which place I recently visited. Much interest was shown in the Gospel and this village will soon form the center of a new circuit. Sek-baik-du has prospered and many outlying villages are being touched by the Gospel light.

Ku-de, Liang-nang, Ding-sang, and Seng-iong circuits have all done well. At Huang-kang as in some other places, the bad example of professing Christians has proved a serious obstacle and led to expul-

sions from the church as well as to the dropping of unworthy probationers. Our aim is that the church in this district shall be pure rather than that there should be merely a display of numbers.

At Duai-giang certain outsiders opposed the building of an extension to the parsonage and this trouble impeded the work part of the year. Successful work has quite recently been established at Chieu-chio, Huang-iong, Au-sang Puang-iong, Uong-bah, A-chieu, Au-liang in the Ming-chiang civil district and other villages. The pastor-teachers and regular day-school teachers have in addition to their other duties, done much good as evangelists. I desire gratly to increase this class of workers.

Of Ku-cheng city, which has become an important mission center, I can only report briefly. The Boys' Boarding School has mantained the excellent record it has had from the first. One thing should however be noticed. As soon as the students advance sufficiently in the native classics and other elementary studies to receive foreign instruction with profit, they are drawn to Foochow through the pecuniary advantages offered by the Preparatory Department of the Theological School. It is to be hoped that this defect may soon be remedied so this Boarding School may be permitted to prepare students for the Theological School proper, or fit them to enter immediately into the active work.

Wiley Hospital has had another good year. Thanks to the earnest native chaplain a religious influence has prevailed and many have been benefited spiritually as well as physically. One year ago Miss M. I. Casterton came as a trained nurse for the Hospital. Much good was expected to result from this accession but Miss Casterton now returns to the United States by medical authority.

The W. F. M. S. work has had a good degree of prosperity. About ten months ago Miss Willma H. Rouse, of Minnesota, came out under this Society and will make one of our best workers. Rev. Ding Ung Tiu has rendered efficient aid in the schools for women and girls.

Seven years have passed since Bishop Warren assigned me to this district. They have been joyous years of labor for the salvation of souls and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. This labor has involved much hardship and exposure, much traveling in fierce heat and heavy rains over the frightful roads of this mountainous region. Often

has it been my lot to preach in open, windy chapels and other uncomfortable buildings, and to sleep in dingy, filthy hovels, all to the serious detriment of health. Yet though often weary in the work, I have never been weary of it. The Saviour's presence has sweetened every experience and I have relied on the assurance that this labor would not be in vain "in the Lord." The evidence of the divine approval and aid as shown in the prosperity of the district during these years has also cheered us on our way.

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MING CHIANG DISTRICT.

N. Sites, P. E.

The new district of Ming Chiang this year makes its first annual report.

Heretofore this county was attached to the Foochow district, but in Nov. 1893, Bishop Foster established it as a Presiding Elder's District in itself and made me its Presiding Elder.

Two or three charges have been occupied here for almost thirty years but the growth had been slow, so that three years ago the entire roll of church membership numbered little over a hundred.

Three years ago we began to put in more efficient workers, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed the efforts made in His name, so that the roll of Christians now numbers over seven hundred (709).

The district is divided into five circuits with five preachers in charge, who are assisted by eight local preachers and thirty-four exhorters and class leaders.

There are twenty-seven preaching places where the Gospel of Truth is faithfully and earnestly proclaimed to the people.

In all the district we have but two regular church edifices, built new entire.

The remainder are remodled native houses, which answer every purpose and are much less expensive. Some of these during the week are occupied by Day Schools of which we have twenty (fifteen boys', five girls').

These in turn aim to be each a center, and general rallying point. Children are taught through the day, and at night the older people come in for instruction in the Scriptures and hymns, and often impromptu prayer meetings are held in these night schools, and from nearly all of them have come reports of great good accomplished.

At Lèk-du our largest center, we have a Boarding School, and this year have established a new institution for the especial instruction of our class leaders and exhorters, its object being to give them a more complete knowledge of the Scriptures and other Christian literature. They come in Monday and study till Saturday, when they scatter out through all the district preaching and working till Monday, and this preaching of the Gospel, with "Repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ" as its especial theme, has been the direct and efficient cause of our growth. Our Sixth Township, is fully ripe and ready for the harvesters. Its pastor Ü Seûk Hu is a man filled with the Spirit, one who has power with God and with man. He is a first degree Literary graduate (an A. B.). Three years ago he began his pastoral work in the usual formal manner, but on reading the story of the life of John Wesley he saw reflected in Wesley's thirteen years of legal bondage his own cause of failure, and from Wesley he learned to seek and to find the promise of the Father even the gift of the Holy Spirit. Since that time he has determined to know nothing among his people save "Jesus Christ and Him crucified," and the result is seen in the large number of earnest active Christians in his church.

Another effective agency in saving these people is our "Opium Cure." Many of the men throughout this entire district are slaves to the opium habit. Last April we were brought in contact with a man who for ten or more years had been under this curse. He was begging for money, but we told him we had no money to give to him to squander in his downward course, but that if he would be a man, give up his evil habit and turn to the Lord, we would pay for his board during the time he was under treatment, also for any medicines and medical attendance necessary. He accepted the proposal and in less than a month was a saved man, body and souls. Seeing how greatly he himself had been blessed, he at once turned his attention to helping

others, and of his own accord opened a Cure in his home, where in the past six months over thirty men have been saved from their opium bondage. He has Bible and hymn books at hand, and exhorts all his patients to attend daily prayers and to spend each evening in studying the Scriptures and hymns, and to attend worship at the Lĕk-du church every Sabbath. As a result nearly all his patients have been soundly converted. They can sing and pray and testify with the spirit and with the understanding. Rich and poor here are meeting, and together finding sweet release from the awful depths of sin to which most of them have sunk, and together praising Him who with His own blood hath redeemed them and cleansed them from all sin. But it has not all been clear sailing. We have some storms and rocks, but the Master's hand holds the helm and from every trial and persecution we as a church have come forth more than conquerers through Christ.

Not one case has been reported to the consul or received official aid, but in "Quietness and in confidence has been our strength," and with "Faith in God" we have overcome our enemies and in every instance brought them to be our friends, and opened more wide the door to the hearts of those we are seeking to reach and save.

The work of the Womans Foreign Missionary Society has been none the less aggressive. Heretofore, a few day-schools for girls and one or two Bible-women have comprised their work. But this year the long looked for and earnestly prayed for Woman's School has become an established fact, and although in operation but a few months its results both direct and indirect have been cause for hearty thanksgiving throughout all the district. God's leading hand has been manifest from its first inception. First in moving the heart of the generous contributors Miss Lewe M. Foss and her sister, both of Washington, D. C., on account of whose gift the Baltimore Branch felt justified in undertaking the work. Then too His unmistakable guidance came in, to direct the selection and preparation of location and property for the school, and in the choosing of teacher, matron and other helpers.

The women have done, with very few exceptions, earnest and faithful work and already many of them have been able to lead others to Christ.

Weekly service is held each Sabbath in the school room, attended

by the women pupils and from fifty to two hundred neighboring women.

Our nearest neighbors, convinced of the Truth have accepted, and become true friends and zealous allies.

Another cause of special thanksgiving is the good will shown us by the leading literary and ruling classes. Every where throughout the district these men are becoming more and more interested in the Doctrines. Especially since Teacher Uong Gieu Mi received his second Degree, have they evinced a new interest in the church, and a desire to know more of the religion which this man, honored and respected by them all, has held to during all his literary career of thirty years.

So all classes, rich and poor, high and low, educated and ignorant, unite in making for us a vast field white unto the harvest, and lead us to earnestly plead the Lord of the harvest to send forth more reapers.

The wisdom, zeal, and untiring efforts of the pastors and other native helpers, are the agents blesed of God in multiplying the number of saved ones, increasing every year.

I have spent nine of the past twelve months directing, leading and working with these faithful servants of God upon my district and with them I join in praise to God for his unfailing aid, and for the service He has permitted us to render in His name.

X. REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

In January of last year, I was compelled by illness to return to the United States, and did not come back to Foochow till January of this year. It was not my privilege, therefore, to present the report of this College at the last session of the Conference. But Mrs. Smyth remained here while I was away and the last report was given you by her. She was in charge of the College during my absence. Fears were expressed by a few friends lest the putting the College in charge of a lady would injure it in the eyes of the Chinese. But the results showed that they were mistaken, for the number of students, 106, was the largest the College ever had. You will pardon me if I say here, that the College is greatly indebted to her for remaining in Foochow during my absence, and taking charge of the work under very trying circumstances. When I came back after a year's absence, I found the school in a prosperous condition and with the largest attendance in its history. I take great pleasure in expressing my gratitude to the other teachers, all of whom gave Mrs. Smyth the most generous support.

This year I am glad to be able to present the report of the College in person, and to meet again with this Conference, of which for the last twelve years, I have been a member.

The number of students on the roll this year is 140, the largest attendance we have ever had. In the first term there were 135 present and this term the attendance is 114. There are always fewer present the second term than the first. When the College opened in the first month 40 new students applied for admission. It is plain that the desire for an English education is increasing, and this large attendance gives us grand opportunities for preaching the Gospel to many who would not otherwise hear it. The students come from many different places: Amoy, Chiong-chiu, Formosa, Kiu-kiang, Foochow, Hok-chiang, Kucheng, and Ming-chiang. Five of the nine districts of this Conference are represented. There are no students from Iong-bing, Ing-chung, Sieng-

iu, or Hing-hua. I am especially sorry that there are none from Hing-hua, for that district has more members than any other in the Conference.

Seventy-one students are either members of the church or probationers. There were not so many at the beginning of this term, but soon after the term opened, we began to hold special services for the students. The meetings were continued for two weeks. Dr. Sia Sek Ong preached every evening. The Presiding Elder, Dr. Worley, was also present and spoke at nearly every meeting. The results were most blessed. Several students gave in their names as probationers, and there was a great awakening of religious interest through the whole school. So many wanted to become Christians, that they were divided into classes. A leader was appointed for each class, and each leader meets his class regularly once a week. We hold also a College Prayer Meeting every Tuesday evening, which is largely attended by the students. Many of the young men spend their Sunday afternoons in Christian work. Some of them go over to the great Sunday School at Ching Sing Dong, and others conduct and teach a Sunday School for young people not connected with the church which was begun a few weeks ago at Tieng Ang Dong. These students are all members of the College Young Men's Christian Association which has done excellent work under the Presidency of the Rev. G. S. Miner.

As to the conduct of the students, as a whole it has been very satisfactory. Of course some of them have done wrong occasionally but that is not to be wondered at. Where there are so many there are sure to be some who are bad. Some of them come from homes where they have not been well-trained, but the longer they stay in the College the better they become. I am sorry to say, that some people have reported that there was a good deal of trouble in the dormitory. This report is not true. Of course there have occasionally been minor troubles, but there is no other school in Foochow where the rules are so well obeyed. In every thing most of the students try to do right. Those who do not, we do our best to train, sometimes by advice and sometimes by punishment. If we fail occasionally it is only what preachers sometimes do in their churches, what officials often do in their dealings with the people. No principal and no monitor, however wise, can conduct a school so large as this, one whose students come from such dif-

ferent places, and with such varied home-training, so that there shall never be any trouble. But the troubles we have had are few and far between. They are no greater than those met with in every such school in America. The great majority of our students desire to do right, many of them are as true, as pure, as honorable in all their conduct as any students I have ever met with. Some of the young men who have gone out from us, are an honor to the school, they are themselves fine examples of what a Christian education can do; they preach Christ as faithfully in the government office and the merchant's counting-room as the preachers do in their pulpits and stations. We do the best we can for them, and the nobility of their lives is our highest reward.

The subjects studied are given in the College Catalogue. This year special attention has been paid to translating from Chinese into English. The highest class has translated a great many despatches, memorials, petitions, proclamations, and other public documents. I have found this work very interesting and helpful to the students, and have been pleased to note the progress they have made. The 1st and 2nd College Classes have also done a good deal of translating, tho' the work has been of a simpler character than that done by the 3rd Class. Careful attention has been paid to giving a good knowledge of Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and the elements of Physiology, Chemistry and Physics. As thorough instruction as possible has also been given in the Bible, by Miss Bosworth, Rev. Iek Ing Guang, and Mr. Ngoi Siong 倪. I am greatly indebted to Bro. Iek Ing Guang. He is the pastor of a large church, and it was exceedingly kind in him to come over to the College to teach a large class three mornings in the week.

Six foreign teachers and seven Chinese have taught during the year. This is a large force but it should be remembered that three of the foreign teachers, have taught only one or two classes. Only three devote most of their time to the College. This is not too large a teaching force. This school is the largest in China, and has a reputation for thorough work which we can maintain only by continuing to teach well what we profess to teach. Unless the work is so done we ought to close the College up. We have not the whole field to ourselves now. There is active competition, and we can maintain our position only by

doing the best work.

I have for some time thought that the College ought to have a normal department. Our Boy's Boarding Schools and Day Schools, need competent teachers, and I hope this next year to make arrangements for beginning such work. As a beginning I hope that the Boy's Boarding School at Foochow, hereafter will be attached to the College, and not to the Theological School as heretofore. If this is done I propose to have the boys of that school take a thorough course in elementary science, in addition to the studies they are pursuing now. This like all the work in the Boarding School will be done in Chinese. Thus I hope to be able to prepare young men thoroughly, to enter the Theological School and College, and to go out as teachers to the Boarding Schools at the country stations. I hope, too, to be able to erect in the College grounds, a new building for this new department. The present High School building, is not at all a suitable one. It is too near the street to render proper care of the boys possible and so much of it is used for other purposes that the work of the school cannot be properly done.

I regret to say that at the close of this year we shall lose our chief monitor, Mr. Ngoi Siong U. He has been with us now for two years and during that time he has done his best to fill a most difficult position. In addition to his proper work as monitor he has taught two Bible classes every day. I have found him sincerely interested in the school, thoroughly devoted to the work and ready at all times to do what it required. He leaves entirely of his own accord.

In closing let me urge the members of the Conference, to take a larger interest in the work of this College. You have here the largest school in the country, and one which every visitor to Foochow declares to be the best. In the number of its students, in thoroughness of training, in religious character and work, and in the important feature of self support, there is nothing like it in this country. It is your College. Treat it as such, have its interests at heart, bring it to the attention of those who have sons to educate. I believe that the College has a great future. The present war will greatly increase the number of those who desire to learn English. There will be a great demand for thoroughly educated young men. China has been shown, as never before, her great need of capable and honest men. The old methods do not furnish the

men needed in such a crisis as the present. There must be far-reaching reforms to meet the new conditions of modern times. This, then, is the opportunity of such colleges as ours. The government will be compelled to see, that the education we are giving is what the people need. We must be prepared to meet the new demands that will be made on us. Send us, then, your best boys; talk about the school to your friends; and help us by all means in your power, to make the Anglo-Chinese College, a commanding force in the new life now opening on this old Empire of China.

FOOCHOW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

J. H. WORLEY, PRINCIPAL.

Last winter we received a class of eleven and at the approaching Conference four will be graduated; yet the school has not been so full as usual because a large number have been sent out to work this year.

For the first time we have carried into effect the original idea of the preparatory department which was to give students two years trial in the school and one year in active service before admitting them to the Theological School proper. On account of the many new openings on the Foochow District and elsewhere this year, it was made possible and even imperative, that we give all who had finished the preparatory course a year's experience in the harvest field. This plan is proving successful in weeding out those not called of the Lord to the ministry, and helpful to those who need to know something of the trials of a Methodist itinerant before entering fully upon the duties of his office. Most of those appointed this year are doing effective service as pastor-teachers and getting an experience which will be invaluable in future years. During the summer vacation several others also were sent out to do evangelistic work, and the Holy Spirit blessed their labors.

The work in class has been very satisfactory, and the assistance rendered by the students in heathen Sunday Schools and other forms of mission work has been generous, and is already bearing fruit. During

the revival last winter most of the students received a fresh baptism of power which has made them more effective in all their work.

The work in all parts of the Conference has grown so rapidly the past two or three years, and so many places are now waiting anxiously for the Gospel, it is evident our greatest need is more trained workers to enter the white harvest field. Fortunately with this larger constituency there is a correspondingly larger number ready to prepare for the work.

So we are expecting a very large class to apply for admission at the opening of next term, and were it not that the Boarding School is to be moved to another building it would be impossible to accommodate them. As it is we shall be greatly embarrassed for room, both for students and class work. $4000 would erect a substantial, commodious building, suitable for all purposes for years to come. No department of the work is so greatly in need of help, and nowhere would a small investment insure such large and permanent results. And, besides, the rooms now utilized for this school are greatly needed by the Publishing House.

HING-HUA BIBLICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

W. N. Brewster, Principal.
Hu Caik Hang, Vice-Principal.

The school opened with 36 students last spring. The serious illness of the vice-principal in April made it necessary to appoint several of the most advanced students to work, as it was impossible to provide a teacher to do Brother Hu Caik Hang's teaching. During the summer a large number of the students were appointed to work in new places. In most cases they rendered satisfactory service, and several new classes have been permanently opened through their labors.

The experience they have had has been of lasting good. They appreciate the importance of getting a thorough knowledge of the Bible, as never before, and this term they are working faithfully.

The vice-principal Rev. Hu Caik Hang, and Rev. Deng Ching Gong and Rev. Sang Hok Leng, the pastor of this circuit, have been con-

stant and efficient in teaching the Bible and Christian books. Mr. Na Ging Ci has taught the native classics.

To all these we are sincerely grateful. We have also made some changes in the management of the boarding department of the school, but it is too early to pronounce it a success or failure.

It is our chief aim to teach these young men how to win souls. The marked success this year of several who have gone out into the regular work leads us to "thank God and take courage," that in this at least, we are not without success.

Statistics: Teachers—Foreign, 1. Native 4. Total Enrollment 36.

THE FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.

WM. H. LACY, SUPERINTENDENT.

The past year has been one of unprecedented success in the work of the Foochow Mission Press. The figures given below show a grand total of over twenty-eight-and-a-half million pages printed during the year; being almost double the amount done in any preceeding year in the history of the Press.

In order to meet the great demands of the work three of the presses have been running day and night for nine months, yet notwithstanding this fact we have not been able to keep up with our orders, at one time having orders ahead for 191,000 volumes. The work done during the year aggregates in value $12,000., while we now have orders ahead for work amounting to $7,500.

Our new machine press, purchased at a cost of about $2000. is now set up, but unfortunately it is not complete and cannot be put into operation until the necessary parts can be received from England. Besides this cylinder press other improvements have been added to the plant at a cost of $1200. Two new founts of Romanized type have been purchased for printing a revised edition of the Baldwin-Maclay Foochow Dictionary. It is hoped that work will be begun on this job before the close of the year.

The Stationery Department of the Press has been enlarged and now includes a stock of about $1000. This has proven to be a great

convenience to our missionaries and a source of profit to the Press. The book-bindery has been compelled to find quarters outside of the Press building for want of room. We imperatively need the rooms on the third floor of the building which are now occupied by the Theological school, and trust that the day is not far distant when that most important school of the Mission may have a new home, and the crowded condition of the Press be relieved.

The printing of books in the Romanized colloquial has been prosecuted at Hing-hua as fast as Mr. Brewster has been able to revise the manuscript. During the year the Gospel of Matthew, the Book of Acts and the Methodist Catechism have been printed,—a total of 5000 volumes. So far as his varied duties would allow Mr. Brewster has kindly directed the work of the printer.

The Fuhkien Christian Advocate.

During the greater part of the year the circulation of the Advocate remained nearly stationary at the figures reached before last Conference. Since the declaration of war in August the demand for the paper has rapidly increased from 1700, to 3500 copies last month. We cannot expect that this inflated circulation will be maintained after the war excitement shall have subsided, but it is to be hoped many of these casual readers will find the Advocate so valuable that it will be considered a necessary visitor to their home. Our thanks are due to the editors, Bros. Plumb and Sia, for their efficient work and promptness under the disadvantages of their many duties.

Printing Done.

The work of the Press during the year may be summarized as follows:

	Volumes.	Pages.
Scriptures:	123,150	13,158,650
Tracts: Books, etc.	182,500	13,225,660
Sheets, ...	...	724,400
S. S. Literature: Books, etc.	29,100	1,170,000
Sheets, ...	...	82,850
Miscellaneous: Books, etc.	6,140	152,616
Sheets, ...	...	100,428
Total work completed during 12 months,	340,890	28,614,604

The work done under the patronage of our Methodist Societies is as follows:

Methodist Episcopal Tract Society.

Books: Tracts, etc.	34,000 volumes.	2,162,860	pages.
Sheets, ...		40,000	„
Total,	34,000 „	2,202,860	„

Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Books: Catechisms, Quarterlies, etc.	34,300 volumes,	1,573,600	pages.
Sheets: Hymns, etc.		81,800	„
Total,	34,309 „	1,655,400	„

THE FOHKIEN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

N. J. Plumb, Editor.

This monthly periodical has had another very prosperous year. It has been our earnest purpose to maintain its high standard of excellence as a religious as well as general newspaper. The subscriptions have increased and the breaking out of war between China and Japan has necessitated the printing of much larger issues each month to meet the unusual demand for war news.

As this is a wholly undenominational paper, and the only one of the kind published in Foochow, it should have the hearty cooperation and support of all members of the three missions located here.

The circulation of this paper is not limited to Foochow nor to the Fohkien Province, but it has a large number of subscribers in other parts of China.

The Revs. Paton of Swatow, Sadler of Amoy, Drs. Faber and Allen of Shanghai have furnished valuable contributions for its columns, for which they have our hearty thanks.

We have recently heard some of the native pastors say that the paper is more highly appreciated than any other taken here, and now

again, as we have so frequently done in former years, we earnestly urge upon all who can the great importance of furnishing news items and articles on varied subjects thereby adding to the interest and value of the paper.

The present circulation is nearly two thousand and this could easily be doubled if all of our patrons did their utmost to bring it to the knowledge of the people. We earnestly beseech your earnest interest and aid to make it a success, and we may safely predict that ere long more than one issue a month will become necessary. The facilities now afforded for distributing the papers promptly at all important points are such that no barrier stands in the way of a much larger circulation.

FOOCHOW BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

MRS. G. L. WORLEY, PRINCIPAL.

The number of students this year has been much less than last, though the work done has been of a high order and the results very satisfactory. We were fortunate in securing an earnest Christian of excellent literary attainments as teacher of Chinese classics and Mr. Sia Tieng Ang, a graduate of the Anglo-Chinese College, to give some time to teaching the elements of Western Science.

The spiritual results have been most gratifying, several of the boys being converted in the meetings last winter. Two or three will be admitted to the Theological School next year and perhaps several to the College.

Two causes operated to reduce the number of students this year. First, the missionary appropriation was much less than in former years so that we were unable to engage two teachers, and secondly we had no room to accommodate the usual number as the Theological School was very full. The two schools occupy the same building and when it is crowded the theological students have the preference. It was indeed hard to refuse so many who were anxious to study and prepare for lives of usefulness for the Master. We have been praying and hoping that some generous friends would give us the money to

erect a building. $2000 would build a splendid structure to accommodate a hundred and fifty boys. We cannot wait longer, but must temporarily provide for them. We expect nearly a hundred to knock at out door next year.

Unsatisfactory as it is we have decided to rent a large Chinese house and repair it for use till we are able to do better.

With this arrangement we connot have the students under our influence and separted from heathen surroundings as would be possible in a building of our own, but we must provide this intermediate instruction for the army of boys who are coming on.

HOK CHIANG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

U Sieu E, Principal.

After my appointment as Principal of this school I consulted with the Presiding Elder, and Paul Chiong was appointed monitor. We selected three well educated men for teachers.

Thirty-two boys were admitted at the beginning of the year. We heartily thank Rev. N. J. Plumb for supporting several poor boys, one of whom is from Hai-tang district.

The first class had three daily recitations with me: namely, Bible, astronomy, and geography. The second class had one daily recitation in the Bible with the monitor. Mrs. Chiong taught these two classes arithmetic during the year. The three teachers had each a class daily in the Chinese Classics and miscellaneous Christian books. The students have made commendable progress. They review the lessons of the previous day until 8.30 A. M. Immediately after morning prayers I give them a lesson in singing. All should be in school by 9.00 o'clock. From eleven until noon the time is given up to Chinese essays, poems, etc. In the afternoon school opens at 1.30 and closes at 5.00 o'clock. Evening prayers are held at seven o'clock. The students commit Bible verses and are questioned on their meaning.

Unfortunately in the fourth month thefts were made by outside

parties. The case was taken before the magistrate but the goods were not recovered.

The conduct of the students, excepting three who have been expelled, has been good. There are now twenty-six in regular attendance, twelve of whom are church members and ten probationers. The teachers and students subscribed $10 for self-support.

We urgently request the Missionary Society to grant us a suitable building for our school. The chapel is very inconvenient.

We humble beseech the members of Conference to pray for our progress, both intellectual and spiritual.

KU CHENG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

M. C. Wilcox, Principal.

This school has been established three years. Four of the students have entered the Preparatory Department of the Theological School, and two the Anglo-Chinese College. There are twenty-six students in attendance, coming from four civil districts, Ku-cheng, Bing-nang, Nang-bing, and Au-guang. We expect soon to receive others from the Ming-chiang and Giong-ang districts, as the school has gained an excellent reputation on account of the high religious and literary standing of the native teachers employed.

Seven of the present students are sons of preachers, the others also come from Christian families. Eight of them are exhorters, who improve every opportunity to make known the Savior's love to men.

From the beginning Rev. Ding Hiong Cing (a native A. B.) has been the Head Teacher and Rev. Ding Hiong Mi is now associated with him. Both are doing faithful, excellent work. Though often absent on my two large districts, I have devoted some time to teaching such students as were prepared for foreign instruction. When ready for advanced work the students naturally desire to go to Foochow, where financial aid is given them by the mission. However we hope that arrangements may soon be perfected whereby we may retain our students until they

are fitted to enter the Theological School proper or to engage immediately in Christian work as local preachers, pastor-teachers, etc. By means of special contributions from the home-land I am enabled to assist a number of students, who otherwise could hardly remain with us. I may also be permitted in this connection to say, that Mrs. Wilcox has given the students some instruction in singing, a very important art in China.

All candidates for admission are subjected to a somewhat rigid examination. Five term examinations have also been held and one or two students whose work was not perfectly satisfactory were required to take it again.

The good already accomplished by this school is beyond calculation. The two boy's day-schools opened this year in Ku-cheng city have about fifty pupils, many of whom will soon be knocking at the door of the Boarding School. Many others will come to us from the country when prepared for admission. Hence the importance of securing in the near future a more commodions building than that now temporarily rented.

HING HUA BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

W. H. Brewster, Principal.

This school has had a fairly prosperous year, though not all that we would wish it to be. The work done in Chinese classics has been quite satisfactory. The first term was spent in the old rented rooms which were occupied last year. Last spring however we succeeded in renting a very large and conveniently located building opposite the old church. Since the school moved in there, it has been much more satisfactorily governed and provided for. The course of study was rearranged during the summer, and the plan of instruction modified. The boarding department was also put upon a new basis. Each student pays $1.00 per month for board, and the remainder of the money necessary to his support is provided from special funds by

friends in America, and by work in the industrial department of the school.

Last spring a gentlemen in America sent the principal $500.00 (Gold) for the purpose of establishing an industrial department in the form of a rice-mill. The new building is large enough to provide for this mill, and the necessary machinery has been purchased. We will purchase a quantity of paddy, as soon as the present crop is on the market, and the students will begin work immediately after Conference.

The smaller boys, who are not strong enough for this work, are given work in the printing office binding books, and the like. We are yet in the day of very small things in this matter of industrial education, but we believe we are on the right track and intend to push the matter of building up a large and well equipped school to educate our Christian boys for usefulness.

The teachers have done faithful service and the pastor of the city church, Rev. Sang Auk Leng, has given several hours daily this term to teaching the Bible and other Christian books.

The principal has been so loaded with various duties, that but for the hearty co-operation of the native teachers success would have been impossible.

XI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, would report as follows:—

While heartily approving all the recommendations made and approved at the last Conference the Committee would select the following and repeat them with emphasis:—

1. One missionary should be appointed to give his whole time to the Theological School at Foochow. The man who is in charge of this school should not be a Presiding Elder, or a missionary-in-charge of a district. The work of preparing young men for the ministry is of the utmost importance and should be done thoroughly. If the man in charge is pressed with other duties he cannot devote to it the attention which it needs.

2. The Boys' Boarding School should have a building of its own. It is not possible to take proper care of the boys in the present building.

3. Christian teachers should, as far as possible, be employed in all our schools.

4. When those in charge of our Boarding Schools find boys of unusual promise among their students they ought to urge their parents to send them, if possible, to the Anglo-Chinese College.

To the above the Committee would add the following.

1. It has come to our knowledge that there are a few who do not approve the teaching of English and who do not like the Anglo-Chinese College because more of its graduates do not become ministers. We here record our profound conviction that it is necessary for the church to teach English, and that it is now more necessary than ever. We are not surprised that so few of the students of the College enter the ministry. This is to be expected at first. Large numbers of young men, however, are brought under the influence of Christianity who would not be reached in any other way. The College is doing its best to teach Christianity, but it is not its business to force men to be ministers. When the time is ready God will call whom he will.

2. The courses of study in the Boys' Boarding Schools are very incomplete. At present the boys in those schools study little except the Chinese Classics and a few Christian books. In each of them there should be given a thorough education in elementary science. Every boy who graduates from them should know something of such subjects as geography, astronomy, physiology, chemistry and physics. This is especially true of the school at Foochow. This education should be given in Chinese. Books on all these subjects have been translated into Chinese and they should be used.

3. It is of course impossible to do what is thus recommended unless there are teachers capable of teaching these subjects. We recommend therefore that a thorough elementary scientific education be given in the Boarding School at Foochow, so that teachers may be prepared as speedily as possible for the other schools, and we further recommend that in order to do this the Foochow Boys' Boarding School be connected with the Anglo-Chinese College and not, as heretofore, with the Theological School. The College has all the facilities for giving this needed education. We take pleasure in adding that those in charge of the Boarding School heartily approve the change.

4. We recommend the approval by the Conference of the three rules respecting the Theological School which were published by the Principal, Rev. J. H. Worley, Ph. D., in the "Ming Seng Huoi Bó" of the 10th month, and which are as follows:—

(a.) All candidates for admission to the Theological School must be at least nineteen years of age.

(b.) They must be recommended by a Quarterly or a District Conference.

(c.) Each candidate must have three securities: 1st, his own father; 2nd, a traveling preacher; 3rd, a man of some means though not necessarily a member of the church.

These three securities must guarantee that in case the student is expelled from the school or leaves it of his own accord, all the money supplied him by the missionary society while connected with the school shall be refunded.

5. We would ask the Missionaries to consider the whole question of the salaries of day school teachers and arrange if possible such a

schedule as shall be entirely satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. B. Smyth,
Chairman.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We find that during the past year the Foochow Mission Press has published an immense number of books, papers and tracts, and we desire to record our high appreciation of its management. The Superintendent, Rev. W. H. Lacy, deserves the thanks of the Conference for the energy and system with which he conducts the great business which the Press now does. We wish however to make one or two requests.

1. We request the Superintendent to send to Shanghai for such books required by candidates for examination as he has not now in stock, and distribute them among the Presiding Elders who, at the first Quarterly Conference, will notify the candidates from their districts that the books are on hand, and that they should purchase them and prepare themselves for examination.

2. We request that all books required by the examiners be distributed among the Presiding Elders so that they may deliver them to the examiners who then may prepare themselves for their work. After the examinations the books should be returned to the Press to be kept till needed again.

3. The revised Methodist Discipline is now ready for printing and we request that it be published and placed on sale as soon as possible.

4. The preachers should observe the 307th Article of the Discipline, relating to miscellaneous books, and endeavor to increase their sale.

5. We request the Superintendent of the Press to publish at intervals in the "Ming Seng Huoi Bö" lists of new publications. The preachers should do their utmost to circulate among their people Dr. John's tracts, several of which have been published by the Mission Press.

The "Diong Dö Cik Huak", "Rules for Preachers", ought to be revised and reprinted.

6. The Presiding Elders and preachers in charge should observe Section vi. Article 247 of our Discipline, and open, wherever possible, night schools and libraries, and keep the latter well supplied with such books as are in frequent demand.

7. The Presiding Elders should, in accordance with Article 308 of our Discipline, at the fourth Quarterly Conference, appoint a committee to adopt suitable methods for the circulation of books.

N. Sites,
Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee is sorry to have to report that there is remissness in many parts of the Conference in the important matter of Sabbath observance. Although the members attend church with fair regularity, yet many only attend the Sunday morning service, and in the afternoon spend the time as much as any other day, in their fields or shops. The idea is too prevalent that keeping the Sabbath consists in coming to church, and not in entire rest from ordinary labor, except works of necessity and of mercy. Unless we can cure this evil, we can never become a strong church. God can not bless us with abundant fruit and permanent results.

The fact that we are now having large ingatherings in most parts of the Conference, makes it of especial importance that we take active and vigorous, as well as wise, measures to cure this disease before it spreads among the thousands of new converts. We are satisfied that mere instruction and exhortation is not sufficient. We must make the breaking of the fourth commandment a matter of discipline, as well as violating the 5th or 6th or 7th.

Another important consideration is the necessity of giving our people some kind of profitable and attractive service on Sunday afternoons. Eight-tenths of our people can not read; if they spend Sunday afternoons at their homes, they have nothing to do but work, or spend the time in idle gossip. We believe a Sunday afternoon service in all our churches, for teaching the Bible, hymns, and learning to read, is a

necessity to Sabbath reform among our people.

With these facts before us, your committee beg to offer the following plan of action.

1. Let every preacher-in-charge, and every junior preacher, begin at once to hold a service Sunday afternoons for Bible instruction and reading, in every church. When the preacher can not be present, let him appoint a local preacher to take charge.

2. Let every preacher see to it that a careful record be kept of attendance at the afternoon service, as well as the morning preaching.

3. Where not already provided a range should be built at once, at every chapel, so that the members who come from a distance can cook their dinner without going home; and all who live more than two li away should be urged to bring their rice and vegetables to the church and cook it there.

4. Let no one be allowed to hold the position of steward, class-leader, S. S. Supt, local preacher, or exhorter, who does not strictly observe the Sabbath. If there are such, let the Presiding Elders warn them at the 1st quarterly-meeting this year, and if they do not heed let them be dropped from the roll of official members at the end of the year. If they are local preachers or exhorters the District Conference should not renew their licenses.

5. Let only those persons be baptized or received into full connection who have already begun fully to keep the Sabbath, and who will pledge themselves to continue to do so.

6. Lastly, let the Presiding Elders and pastors diligently instruct the people concerning this sin during the first and second quarters; and warn them that at the third quarterly meeting those who continue to violate the Sabbath shall not be permitted to partake of the Sacrament. At the 3rd quarterly-meeting of this year, let all who continue to violate the Sabbath be excluded from the Sacrament. Those who still persist in disobedience should be excluded from church membership at the end of the year, and reported as probationers.

W. N. Brewster,
Chairman.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The principal object of the Sunday School is spiritual edification and instruction of the young people of the church in the truths of the Bible. The word of God is the Bread of Life and unless its truths are constantly taught the church will be deficient in spiritual nourishment.

After careful consideration of this important subject your committee make the following recommendations for adoption by the Conference: 1. As the Quarterly Lesson leaves hitherto issued have proven very valuable helps to the study of the Bible we recommend the continuance of their publication and distribution.

2. The Sunday School superintendents should all hold meetings for the instruction of the teachers to prepare them to instruct others. These may be held on Saturday evening or on Sunday morning before church service.

3. We recommend the holding of the Sunday School on Sunday afternoon as the most convenient time.

4. Careful attention should be given to the division of the Sunday School into classes according to the age and attainment of the scholars. Those who are unable to read and follow the regular lesson should be taught simple lessons in religious tracts.

5. Quarterly examinations should be conducted by the Presiding Elder and rewards given according to merit. The money for the purchase of such rewards should be raised by a general contribution from all the Sunday Schools.

6. The pastors should carefully follow the rules of the Discipline in regard to Sunday Schools.

7. Suitable maps of Bible lands should be provided for each school.

8. We recommend the publication of a small volume in colloquial containing the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed for use in the Sunday Schools.

9. The above recommendations should be printed in sheet form and distributed at the various churches.

N. J. Plumb,
Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Temperance Committee report: As we are to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh," (2nd. Cor. 7, 1.), "Come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean thing," (2nd. Cor. 6, 17.); "Be not comformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God," (Rom. 12, 2.); as it is necessary that we be holy even as Christ is holy; we must not only resolve but keep and, as far as is in our power, see our brethren keep the following resolutions.

1st. That we require all persons presenting themselves for exhorter's or local preacher's license or admission to Conference on trial to solemnly state that they are free from the use of opium and all alcoholic liquors as a beverage and promise that they will ever keep themselves free therefrom.

2nd. That we require all persons to be free from the use of tobacco before they are admitted to the Conference on trial, and earnestly urge all our members to desist from this filthy habit, especially our exhorters and local preachers, as noted in Discipline ¶ 193, § 2.

3rd. That all members of the Conference who are now addicted to any of the above named habits at once desist and not longer be a stumbling block to their brother.

4th. That we use no wine in the marriage ceremony and at marriage and other feasts and at no time as a beverage under penalty of being dealt with according to Discipline ¶ 240.

5th. That the use of wine, opium, and tobacco be absolutely prohibited in all our schools of learning.

6th. That we give the subject of temperance a place in the programme of our District Conference and ministerial meetings.

7th. That each preacher carefully prepares and delivers a temperance sermon to each of his congregations at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. Miner.

SELF SUPPORT.

Very few of our churches have attained to Self-support and the progress in that direction is less rapid than we desire. We would respectfully make the following recommendations.

1. All self-supporting churches should pay their pastors $4.00 per month, his wife $2.00 and $1.00 for each child.

2. All Conference preachers should, if possible, be supported according to the above scale; but if this cannot be attained, the preacher should receive at least $3.00 per month, his wife $1.50 and each child $.75. In such cases the Missionary Society's allowance should not be reduced until the amount raised by the local church, together with the Missionary aid granted, reaches the amount required by the higher scale.

3. The salaries of Chinese Presiding Elders should be paid by the Missionary Society and their traveling expenses (with the exception of Ing chung and Iong-bing districts) by the churches; but no other money need be paid the Presiding Elders by the native Christians.

4. Presiding Elders and Missionaries should do all in their power to secure the prompt payment of money subscribed for preachers' salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sia Heng To,
Secretary,

M. C. Wilcox,
Chairman.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Conference Stewards beg to recommend that the followi ng amounts be appropriated for the support of the Conference claimants: Mrs. Ling Cing Ding $24.00, Mrs. Hü Iong Mi $30.00, Mrs. Dang Ging Dong $20.40, Mrs. Ding Neng Cick $48.00, Mrs Uong Ding Hok $30.00, Mrs. Daing Guang Ing $30.00, Li Hok Ming and Li Hok Dai $36.00, Rev. Hü Sing Mi $48.00.

J. H. Worley,
Chairman.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

WM. H. LACY, TREASURER.

Dr.

1893-1894.	Mexicans.		
To Balance due Treasurer at Conference 1893		$ 16.85	
„ Insurance society claims paid:			
Rev. Ngu Dieng Ang	$14.50		
„ Ding Cing Huo	14.50		
„ Uong Sëü Chiong	9.72		
		38.72	
To claims on Conference Fund paid:			
Mrs. Uong Ding Hok	$30.00		
„ Ding Neng Ciek	36.00		
„ Dang Ging Dong	20.40		
„ Hü Iong Mi	30.00		
„ Sie Huo Mi	20.40		
„ Ling Cing Ding	20.40		
„ Daing Guang Ing	27.60		
Li Hok Ming & Brother	36.00		
		220.80	
To Loan No. 52. H. & S. Bank	$800.00		
„ „ 23. „ „	450.00		
		1,250.00	

Cr.

By Interest on Loans			97.12
„ „ „ Daily Balances, H. & S. Bank			1.92
„ Book Concern Dividend $372 gold at .57			652.63
„ Loans No. 20, 21 returned	$425.00		
„ „ „ 19 in part „	320.00		
			745.00
„ Balance due Treasurer Nov. 21, 1894.			29.70
		1,526.37	1,526.37

W. H. Lacy.
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
J. H. Worley, *President*,
Board of Trustees.

Assets and Liabilities of S. P. A. S.

Assets.			Liabilities.	
Loans to Individuals:			Balance due Treasurer,	29.70
No. 7.	$ 50.		Insurance Society claims,	43.50
8.	200.		Net assets,	3,426.80
12.	350.			
14.	50.			
9.	30.			
		$ 680.		
Loans to H. & S. Bank.				
No. 18.	$400.			
22.	800.			
23.	450.			
		1,650.		
Da Ding Property		1,000.		
Native Cemetery		170.		
		$3,500.		$3,500.00

Examined and found correct,
J. H. Worley, *President*,
Board of Trustees.

Wm. H. Lacy.
Treasurer.

CONFERENCE TREASURER.

The amounts received by the Treasurer for the General Missionary Society and the Support of Bishops, may be summarized as follows:

		Missionary.		Bishops.
Foochow District,	$118.10	Missionary.	$8.00	Bishops.
Hok-chiang „	62.50	„	9.00	„
Ing-chung „	24.14	„	1.80	„
Hai-tang „	16.50	„	3.30	„
Buo-dieng „	46.80	„	4.80	„
Sieng-iu „	28.00	„	5.50	„
Iong-bing „	25.30	„	2.00	„
Ku-cheng „	68.00	„	6.00	„
Ming-chiang „	16.00	„	2.50	„
Totals for 1894	405.34	„	42.90	„
„ „ 1893	378.26	„	44.00	„
Increase	27.08	„		
Decrease			1.10	„

W. H. Lacy,
Treasurer.

ON CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Whereas, the Central China Mission, and the North China Conference of our Church, and the China Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, have taken action favoring the establishment of a Methodist Publishing House in Shanghai;

1. Resolved,—That we believe that such a Publishing House would supply a much felt want, and greatly advance the interests of our work throughout China; and that the time is now opportune for such a movement;

2. Resolved,—That we favor co-operating with the Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in establishing such an enterprise, provided a suitable basis of co-operation can be agreed upon;

3. Resolved,—That we recommend the appointment of W. H. Lacy, N. J. Plumb, and W. N. Brewster as a committee to consider this matter, and correspond with like committees of the other missions of our church, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church South regarding it; and if possible, to consult with such committees at the proposed Methodist Church Congress to be held at Shanghai in July 1895.

W. N. Brewster, Secy. W. H. Lacy, Chairman.

FOOT-BINDING.

Your committee to whom was referred the Memorial from the Woman's Conference requesting us to take some action to assist them in rooting out the evil custom of Foot-binding would report as follows:

1. The Memorial says that during the past few years work among the women has greatly prospered and conquered many evil customs. It urges us to take some action by which this evil custom may be banished that our church may be pure. We reply that the purity of the church refers to righteousness in the heart and has nothing to do with foot-binding.

2. Again, they say foot-binding among the women is a sin against

conscience and is exceedingly wrong. We reply that this was the sin of their parents and the women whose feet were bound in their youth have no part in it.

3. Again, they quote from I Cor. iii. to prove that foot-binding destroys the "Temple of God," so that God's Spirit cannot dwell in the heart of women who have bound feet. Is this true? Our Lord says that he who keeps God's Commandment is his sister, and his brother. We therefore believe that women who do God's will, even with feet which were bound in their childhood, may have God's Spirit in their hearts.

As a Committee appointed to consider this matter we would make a few recommendations embodying our thought as follows:

1. Preachers and members of our church ought not to bind their daughters' feet. If they do they sin against their conscience and we may justly condemn them.

2. As to the women of the church who have bound feet, if their feet may be safely unbound we should advise them to unbind. If they will not accept our advice it is not wise to attempt to compel them.

3. When bound-footed women wish to enter our church we should receive them and instruct them in the "True Doctrine." When they are saved their daughters will be spared from this evil custom.

4. Our lady missionaries should treat these bound-footed women tenderly, in mercy and patience. They should hopefully pray for them that they may see the wrong of this evil custom, but carefully avoid reproaching them and causing offence.

5. For those women and girls who are willing to unbind their feet the missinoary ladies should prepare proper shoes and stockings and present to them, that they need not disgrace the church by weaving straw shoes.

Respectfully submitted,

Hü Bö Mi, Hü Caik Hang, Lau Guang Hung, Diong Sëük Buo, Ngoi Gi Lang, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Nik Sing, Iong Daik Cheu, Ding Siu Küng,

Committee.

RULES FOR DEACONESSES.

1. The Board of Deaconesses.

(a.) In every Annual Conference within which Deaconesses may be employed a Conference Board of nine members, at least three of whom shall be women, shall be appointed by the Conference to exercise a general control of the interests of this form of work.

(b.) The Board of Deaconesses shall be appointed annually, and shall report both the names and work of the Deaconesses to the Annual Conference, and the approval of the Conference shall be necessary for the continuance of any Deaconess in her work.

2. The work of the Deaconesses.

(a.) Whoever wishes to become a Deaconess must be examined by the District Conference of the District within which she lives, but in the fourth year she must be examined by the Annual Conference.

(b.) The Board of Deaconesses has authority to issue Certificates to duly qualified persons, authorizing them to perform the duties of Deaconesses. Those who desire to become Deaconesses shall serve a probation of four years and pursue the prescribed course of study, after which the Board has authority to issue Certificates, provided that no person shall receive such Certificate unless she be over thirty years of age, and is approved by the Annual Conference.

(c.) Those who have passed the examination in the required course of study may be given certificates, and as they pass the examination in each succeeding year their certificates shall, if they be found to be satisfactory, be signed by the Board of Deaconesses till the fourt h year.

(d.) Deaconesses shall go out to perfom the duties of the Office five days each week. They should study two hours a day and work outside four hours. In places near by they ought to go out two hours in the forenoon and two in the afternoon, but in places somewhat remote they may go out four hours in the forenoon or four hours in the afternoon.

(e.) The duties of the Deaconesses are to minister to the poor, visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, comfort the sorrowing, save the sinning. They should relinquish

wholly all other pursuits, and devote themselves wholly to the performance of these duties.

(f.) When working singly each Deaconess shall be under the direction of the pastor-in-charge of the church or circuit with which she is connected, and he shall look after her work and assist her in it. When the Deaconess is in attendance at one of our schools she shall be under the direction of the Principal of the school. All the Deaconesses should carefully attend to this rule and thoroughly perform their duties.

3. Course of Study for Deaconesses.

All those who wish to become Deaconesses should read Mathew, John, The Bible Picture Book, The Catechism, The Discipline, Sections 1--27; Commit to memory the 20th chapter of Exodus and the Apostles' Creed.

(a.) Course of Study for First Year. Read Mark, Acts, Genesis, The Discipline, Sections 28—61. Commit to memory Psalms 38, 46, and 128.

(b.) Course of Study for Second Year. Read Luke, Galatians, Ephesians, Exodus, Leviticus; The Discipline, Sections 99—143. Name the Miracles and Parables of Jesus. Repeat Psalms 15, 19, 37, 63, and John iii, vi.

(c.) Course of Study for the Third Year. Read Deuteronomy, Esther; "The Life of Wesley," by Mrs. S. Moore Sites; "The History of the Christian Church," Vol. I. by H. Corbett, D. D.; The Pilgrim's Progress; The Discipline, Sections 248—275, 306—308, 343—354. Give the principal facts in the life of Jesus. Repeat Mathew, Chapter 13; Isaiah, Chapters 12 and 61.

(d.) Course of Study for the Fourth Year. First and Second Thessalonians, Joshua; "Wesley's Sermons," "History of the Christian Church" Vol. II., "Commentary on the Catechism." Read "The Pilgrim's Progress;" The Discipline, Sections 481 to 484. Repeat First Corinthians, Chapter 15. Mathew Chapters 5, 6, 7.

All the above books are to be read in Wenli. All candidates should be able to translate the Wenli into the Colloquial and give the general meaning.

G. B. Smyth,
Chairman.

XIII. W. F. M. S. REPORTS.

FOOCHOW GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

JULIA BONAFIELD. LYDIA A. WILKINSON.

The Foochow Girls' School has been established over thirty years. During this time there have been a number of different ladies in charge; the rules have often been changed; and the number of pupils have varied greatly during the years. Last March after Miss Jewell's resignation we two were given charge of the school, and feeling deeply our inability we entered upon the work.

The objects of this school are to give culture and education to the girls of China, to replace their heathen customs by Christian ones, to have them personally know their Saviour. The cause of most of the wicked customs of China is found in the ignorance of her women. "Women who have not been taught to control themselves can not control their families; if the family is not controlled the state can not be governed;" so says the ancient sage and we believe it so. Knowing that Christianity is the foundation of all true culture, we take the Bible for foundation, to this we add the Sciences and the native classics.

We append to this Report our new Course of Study, asking that you give it careful attention, and with your approval we will hereafter use this Course in our schools throughout the Conference. Formerly we did not allow our older girls to study the native books in native style, but we feel we were mistaken in this, so now our girls are allowed to study in the most approved Chinese way.

We not only aim to have our girls educated in heart and head, but we also try to teach them methods of work, and to give them work to do. They are sent out to chapels and homes to tell the Glad Tidings to the women. This is entirely voluntary, and we find in their willingness to go, a proof that they truly love their Saviour.

We also have a Senior and Junior League in school. The Juniors are very earnest; little twelve and thirteen year old girls take their turn at leading the meetings. They have their literary programs, and are

very proper little Junior Leaguers. On Monday mornings the girls are required to report the sermon of the Sabbath. This is a great incentive to give attention to the preaching of the Word, as well as helping them to express in their own words the thought they have gotten from others.

We have three departments in the school: Primary, Intermediate, and Higher. One hundred and five have been enrolled during the year, and ninety-five are now in attendance. We ask your prayers for this school.

Course of study.

First year:-- Hymns, Primary Physiology, Christian Three Character Classic, Native Three Character Classic, Chinese Primer I. II. Thousand Character Classic, Catechism.

Second year:— Classics, Primary Astronomy, Catechism of Christian Doctrine, Writing, Hymns, Chinese First Reader, Primary Physiology.

Third year:— Matthew's Gospel, Chinese Second Reader, Classics, Romanized, Arithmetic, Writing, Proverbs, Chinese Third Reader.

Fourth year:-- Gospel of John, Arithmetic, Classics, Bible Picture Book, Writing.

Fifth year:-- Acts, Chinese History, Arithmetic, Geography, Classics, Composition, and Writing.

Sixth year:— English, Music, General History, Epistles, Bible exposition, Classics, Astronomy, Physiology completed, Composition and Writing.

Seventh year: -- Old Testament History, Natural Theology, Church History, Physical Geography, Classics, English, Music, Composition, Writing.

Eighth year:— Old Testament History completed, Classics, English, Music, Chinese Composition.

Ninth year:— Review Course of Study, Drawing, English, Bible exposition, Classics, Chinese History, Chinese Composition.

FOOCHOW AND MING CHIANG DISTRICTS.

RUTH MARIE SITES.

The year now coming to a close has been full of divine blessing and help. The guiding hand of the Heavenly Father has been on the helm and from out of all peculiar and diversified circumstances He has brought His work in safety.

There have been under my care the past year six separate divisions of work:—in the Foochow District, the Woman's School, the Bible-women, and the High Class Seminary with city evangelistic work in connection with it; in the Ming-chiang District, the newly established Woman's School, the girls' Day School, and the Bible-women. Today I gladly report advance all along the line, and though often—

"I could not see with my small human sight
Why God should lead this way or that for me;
Yet ever still I heard Him say 'Child follow me',
And I could trust."

The Foochow Woman's School has had an enrollment for the year of twenty-four, all Christians, and doing earnest faithful work. The especial feature of the school this term, is that for the first time we have been able to dispense with a gentleman teacher. The young woman now holding the position is well qualified mentally and spiritually for the work entrusted to her care.

The little children who have come to school with their mothers, have received special instruction in a little school all their own, and their quick mastery of their lessons quite rivals the ability of their elders. There have been fourteen little people in this school the past year.

The work of the High Class Seminary continues to grow in interest. The enrollment for the year has been fourteen. The pupils have all come to know Christ as their personal Saviour, and in many ways have shown their great advance in things spiritual as well as mental.

The teacher of the Seminary, Mr. Uong Gieu Mi, has the past term received his Second Degree from the government literary examinations. It is a great honor as he is the first Christian to attain this rank. He was

number thirty in the list of one hundred and thirty who succeeded in securing the degree over the ten thousand competitors who took the examination.

This school is continually opening to us new doors of access into the homes of the conservative aristocracy within the city, and we are earnestly hoping it it be the divine will, to soon move into the city and thus come into closer contact with this class we are seeking to reach.

Ming-chiang District.

We have but two Bible-women in employ in this District, but thank God the number of workers is not limited to two. Many women filled with the Holy Ghost are doing all in their power, and telling to their neighbors and friends what a Saviour they have found.

The Day Schools are five in number with about fifty little girls in attendance. They receive no money rewards, but only some trifling gift after each quarters examination, and enough cloth to make a dress at the end of the year. This is a great inducement, as many of them are destitutely poor.

The new feature of Woman's work in Ming-chiang is its Woman's Training School, which after many prayers and much longing, has at last become a realized fact. Twelve different houses were offered us, and it was no easy take to decide which should be chosen. But He who has promised His guidance in all things was with us, and we, following where He led, have been granted even more than we asked or thought. So too, in the selection of teacher, matron and other helpers, all our needs have been supplied. Thirty-seven women have been under instruction, though more than double that number sought admission. But the newness of the school and our limited finances, would not permit a large school this first year.

We thank God that already it is not too soon to see results. Many of the women when they returned to their homes for summer vacation told with the power of a personal experience what a blessed Saviour was Jesus, and many others hearing, believed.

So in every department there has been manifest the power of the Lord of Hosts. He has been with us, and now thanking Him for all that has been, we ask more largely, and gladly press forward, happy if He so wills to serve Him still.

MARY E. CROOK MEMORIAL ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy.

We are thankful that we have progress to report this year. One year ago our building was unfinished, the children and women were crowded in close quarters, many were sick and during the year nine had died. This year, we have moved into our nice new home, which the women greatly appreciate and enjoy; we have had far less sickness; have increased our numbers and have had only two deaths.

Jan. 9th. one of our Christian women woke about midnight and heard a plaintive cry in the street near her door. She went out and found a new born babe without any clothes, lying on the stones with which the streets are paved She brought it to us the next morning and we received the poor little one, and loved her at once. During the winter she had measles very badly and was never very strong again.

In June she was very ill and we took her to the hospital, where she soon improved though she never fully recovered but gradually wasted away. In July we laid the little emaciated form away, but know her spirit has gone to be with him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Jan. 11th Bo Cio was born. Her father had been killed a few months before her birth and her mother was unwilling to keep the child. She was an unusually bright and pretty child, but in July she was taken suddenly ill and died in a few days.

Three other children were picked up; one in the street near Ching Sing Dong, one in the fields near the foot of Kushan, and one in the fields about half way to Kuliang.

Another little one seven years of age, was taken from the streets in Ming-chiang where she was begging her living.

During the year twenty-three little ones have been under our care. The oldest, fourteen years of age, is a student in the Girls' Boarding School. The youngest we have had was a babe a day old. The children have certainly grown and developed in many ways. Some of the older ones have begun to learn to read and many of them can sing. Prayers

are held morning and evening and the little ones are learning to lisp the name of Jesus, and to make known their little wants to their Heavenly Father.

We are greatly indebted to Miss Trimble for giving us a valuable Christian woman to be the matron in our home. She has been a great help to us and a blessing to the women and children.

To the doctors of our Woman's Hospital we also owe many thanks for their watchful care and skill in times of illness. One little one who had spinal disease so we feared she could never walk, is now, after months of treatment, able to play about with her little sisters. Another little one whose life we despaired of for months, who was so weak and frail we feared she would never grow, is now well, strong and happy.

To Miss Wilkinson and Miss Bonafield we are indebted for their sisterly aid and their loving sympathy, and for the great interest they have taken in the little ones.

To the women who have had the care of these little ones, we owe very, very much for they have watched over them, cared for them day and night, and have done all they could to train them in the ways of truth and right, and to make them happy and keep them well.

Of the many little ones who have been brought to us, of the many homes we have been able to enter and the blessed opportunities that have been given to us to sow the seed and tell the story of Jesus and his love, we have not time to speak. Into eight homes, where the littlest ones are nursed the Word has gone once every week, and we trust the seed sown has not been in vain.

We ask your prayers for God's blessing upon these little ones, that they may grow up and be earnest, active workers for their blessed Master. We also ask your prayers for the women who are employed to take care of these little ones. It is so necessary that they should be earnest, consecrated women, constantly exerting an influence which shall mould these lives, and lead them into the channels in which they should flow, teaching them the ways of truth and righteousness.

God grant that all who come into this home, no matter in what capacity, may go forth from it wholly the Lord's.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, FOOCHOW.

ELLEN M. LYON, LUELLA M. MASTERS.

We are asked to give a fuller report this conference than we usually give. If an increase in numbers will make a fuller report we certainly have it this year, so perhaps we had better begin with our statistics and talk about them.

Patients in wards,	228.
„ seen in homes,	1,263.
„ „ „ dispensaries,	8,866.
Prescriptions filled,	10,594.

You will see if you have former reports in mind, that the above shows an increase over former years.

We usually close our wards the last of June, but this year our wards were kept open by our students, who always remain to keep the dispensary open, and 25 patients were cared for by them during the summer months; hence the increase.

Then another item of interest which encourages us is the fact that more acute cases are coming to us, which shows an increase of faith in the foreign doctors and their medicines, and gives us an opportunity to give our students practical instruction in the treatment of fevers and other acute diseases.

Each year more people call us to their homes, and the better classes are being more and more attracted to us. Frequently we are called to fine homes, but the trouble is they call us too late and we can not continue to go to the same home long as a rule.

Dr. Masters opened two new dispensaries down the island and has had large, interesting cliniques, and hopes to open another after conference. When a foreign evangelist can find the time she accompanies her, and the Word is listened to with interest; but alas! it is not often one can go. Oh, for the time when the hospital can have an evangelist of its own to teach in the hospital wards and in our dispensaries and follow the patients to their homes, where they so often invite us. War rumors do not injure us here, though they did seem to injure Dr. Carleton's work in the

city for a while. We found some patients in when we began work Oct. 1st, and fifty have come to us since; all have listened with interest to the teachings given by our Bible-women, and four have expressed a desire to become Christians and join the church.

Miss Bonafield has visited the wards when she could, and expressed delight in the work, and when she cannot come she kindly sends a native Bible-woman. We can not even have a native woman who can devote all her time to the evangelistic work, so great is the demand, and so few competent women have we. On account of the illness of Dr. Lyon, who was obliged to go away for a change and rest, the work fell on one again; but Dr. Carleton, in addition to her work in the city, helped what she could in this work. Dr. Lyon is back again and we hope all may be well for our work in the future. Our dispensary figures do not include those of the city, as of former years, for Dr. Carleton will give them in her report.

Our work is not all sunshine and encouragement, for patients will leave before being cured, and will not always allow us to do what we should for them; and so often are we made sad by being obliged to say, "You came too late, the child can never see," and similar remarks. But we love the work and love these people for whom we are working, for here do we prove the truth that, "We can not help but love those for whom we earnestly pray," and we only wish our pen could lead all to become interested in this grand work for the Master. Here do we see the evil effects of foot-binding, as no one else can. Sad are the cases of ulceration of the feet from binding that come to us. But time and space bid us stop.

FOOCHOW CITY MEDICAL WORK.

MARY ELINE CARLETON, M. D.

When this part of the medical work was given to me at conference last year it consisted of two Dispensaries and an empty, unfurnished Hospital. One Dispensay was located at South Street and the other at East Street Chapel. These were visited once each week.

By advice and invitation from the presiding elder and pastor I opened a weekly Dispensary at Cing-Sing Dong, but after two months trial this was pronounced a failure and given up. There are in the immediate vicinity of this church several drug stores where foreign medicines are sold, and I presume the owners of these were unwilling a free dispensary should be in their midst.

We visit the East Street Dispensary each Tuesday afternoon. This Dispensary has a history of twenty years work, and continues to bear the good name its early founders gave it.

Soon after China New Year we opened a Dispensary in the western part of the city at Sieu-ba-iang. This has been very successful and from both Dispensaries good religious results have been felt.

As soon as possible we furnished the South Street Hospital and had it dedicated. We have accommodations for fifteen or eighteen patients. All the work was kept open during the summer by our assistant Dr. Hsü and the Liang-au students.

We have regular religious instruction in all dispensaries and the hospital. In connection with my city work and during Dr. Lyon's absence, I assisted Dr. Masters by attending the schools every Saturday morning. Total number of persons seen during the year 2611. Total number of prescription given 4500. Visits made in Foochow City 72. Visits made outside the city, 618.

HING-HUA CITY WORK.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Brewster.

Juliet Turner Woman's School.

We have the largest number of women ever enrolled in this term. We have 30 women now in school. For the year we have had 37 under instruction.

The Preparatory School covering one year in the Romanized books, has passed the stage of experiment and is a decided success. It has been a great blessing to our work and the women are now not afraid

of Romanized. We have ten women taking the course in the character. When this term closes, we will have sent out for this year four young women fitted for teaching or Bible-woman's work.

The women are all Christians and by far the greater number are the wives of workers or Theological students. This makes their training doubly important.

Girl's Boarding School.

We have had a year of blessings from God. We have enrolled for the year 72 girls. All, except one day pupil, are from Christian homes. All, except one, have natural feet. This girl was betrothed to a heathen family while her parents were still in darkness.

The course of study has been followed and thorough work been done. One minister, whose daughter is in our school, said "When my daughter told me what work she had done the past term it made me fear lest she get sick." But as she and all the other girls are well, our school being very free from sickness, we conclude the work is not too heavy. Our girls are all either members or probationers in the church.

Evangelistic Work.

Our Bible-woman has given her whole time to the work, visiting homes of Christian women, strengthening them in the faith and holding prayer-meetings with them. She has also begun to teach a class to read. Many women have been added to the church this year thorough efforts put forth for the heathen women in the villages already opened; also new villages have been visited and several led to become followers of God.

Some homes in the city are also open to us. Many women visit us and come to the church to hear of the "New doctrine," so that our time is very fully occupied. As in the parable of the sower "Some seed falls by the way-side, some on stony ground, some among thistles;" but we rejoice that, too, "some falls in good ground and brings forth fruit."

HING-HUA AND SIENG-IU DISTRICT.

MINNIE E. WILSON.

Day Schools.

Last year closed with thirteen schools, this year with twenty; eight new ones have been opened, and one old one closed in the year by

the removal of the teacher to another place with her husband, and several of the students entering the Hing-hua Girls' Boarding School, so that only heathens were left and not enough for a school.

This is our first year without rewards and we expected a great falling away of pupils and little advance in the number of schools, but have been most happily mistaken in our predictions. Many of the schools lost from two to five and in some cases more, while on the other hand some schools have advanced over last year and six other places have met the requirements and are only waiting a teacher. One quarter we gave those who came the greatest number of days a small piece of muslin, another quarter we gave each pupil a cheap towel. These were simple presents yet the amount and quality of work and the attendance is as good as last year we are told. Had not the teachers and pastors been in full sympathy with the change and used their influence on all occasions our report would have been different we fear.

Three hundred and fourteen have been enrolled this year, the most of whom are children of Christian parents. In one school four finished the four years course last examination, while in another two girls have almost finished, but many of the pupils are on the first or second year's work.

Bible Women.

With the traveling and the city Bible-woman we have twenty; several of these are only on trial and it remains to be seen whether they are fit for the work or not. One woman reports 250 visits, 233 prayers in the homes of the people, and 3617 hearers in the last six months; while another reports 273 visits, 25 prayers, and 6767 listeners in the same time.

Many of them consecrated themselves to the Lord the beginning of the year and the effects of this consecration have been manifest in their work ever since. Thousands of women have heard the "Sweet Story of Jesus" for the first time and many have felt their need and accepted Christ as theirs. Two of the younger women have used of their small salary to invite an old lady to go with them when they went to villages a distance away to save any reproach that might come on the cause of Christ if a young woman went alone. Three women have spent part of their time at one class and part at another because of the dearth of helpers and the great needs of those places, while ten other points say they

must have a Bible-woman another year; there is no one available unless she be taken from a place where the needs are equally as great.

Sieng-iu Woman's School.

Our Woman's School did not open very promising this year. The small, poor rented rooms and the fact that the women were still afraid of the Romanized system were strong factors against it; but our Father overcame all difficulties in his own good time, and the Presiding Elder, the preachers, and the women who had studied last year were his instruments, and this term instead of going out to hunt up our students we had more acceptable, recommended women than we could accommodate.

All the women who went out last year could read and five new students were beginning to read John's Gospel when they entered school this term, having been taught at their homes by former students or the Bible-woman. We can receive but twelve women but we hope these may get much more than the ability to read this year. We have an efficient, spiritual woman in charge, and not one who has been in school three months has gone out without a clear testimony that she had been "born again." Our hearts are full of thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year and trusting for the future.

HOK-CHIANG AND HAI-TANG DISTRICTS.

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE.

Woman's School.

The year has been a good one, and with hearts full of gratitude we can say,—The Lord has been our Helper. The enrollment the first term was twenty-six, this term nineteen. It is more and more a surprise to us how rapidly and how well these women learn. The summer examination was a credit to both teachers and pupils, and called forth the hearty commendation of the examining committee. The every day life of the women gives a clear proof of a genuine change of heart. All are earnest, helpful, and gentle; rarely indeed is there need of a case of disciplining.

On one subject we have taken a firm stand and have a clean record; that is on the question of foot-binding. We have not one small-footed woman left in school; all have unbound their feet. Not only this, but they have become apostles of light to others, and have persuaded tens of our Christian women to unbind.

Besides their regular school work, the women go out to the neighboring villages in bands of three on Sunday afternoons. They thus visit, and hold prayer meetings with the Christian women in five villages each Sunday, and are also teaching many women to read.

Day-Schools.

This has been a testing year for the day-schools. The question of the day has been, "Without rewards in Hok-chiang will the day-schools continue to exist?" Our answer to this problem is, eleven day-schools, with an attendance of one hundred and eighty-two. Dĕng-aing and Gĕng-giang are our banner schools. A few of the pupils in the Gĕng-giang school are finishing the fourth year of the course; a very rare thing indeed. Now that the reward system is done away with, and the pupils are studying for the love of knowledge rather than for the sake of money or some gift, we feel a new era is dawning on our day-schools.

Evangelistic Work.

Figures taken from the reports of our Bible-women reveal the following facts:—

Number of houses visited	848.
" " prayer-meetings held	182.
" who have become Christians	65.
" of Christian women taught to read	50.
" " sick visited, and prayed with	24.
" " hearers	7759.

But cold figures do not tell much after all. Could we see the daily record-book of the recording angel I fancy it would differ very much from the record given above. *He* knows the weary miles traveled by these dear women in reaching these thousands. He also has seen the tears, heard the pleadings, and knows the heart-aches when the hearers were slow to accept or indifferent. He also has seen the joy of these women over the lost ones coming back to the fold. May God reward them; we know He will.

Besides the yearly District Conference just closed, at which we had an attendance of one hundred and twenty, and which was a blessing to many souls, we have held during the year at four points on the District, a meeting of four days each, with the Christian women. During these meetings many met Christ, and accepted Him as *their* Saviour and are now rejoicing in a Saviour who saves *them* from sin. Praise God, the Sun of Righteousness has arisen with healing in His wings, on many of these Hok-chiang women during the past year.

Hai-tang District.

Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has on this island district six day-schools with attendance of eighty, and one Bible-woman. Being so difficult to reach, Hai-tang has little foreign supervision. During the year Miss Bonafield made one trip, spending two weeks, holding two revival meetings with the women, of four days each, besides examining the day-schools. To Miss Bonafield and the native Presiding Elder our thanks are due for their care of the work this year, as we have not yet visited the island. We go however next month to hold our Woman's District Conference, and visit the day-schools.

KU-CHENG AND IONG-BING DISTRICTS.

Mabel C. Hartford.

Our Women's School in Ku-cheng City has been full all the year —twenty women. Six have finished the Course of Study; four to be Day-school teachers, and two to be Bible-women. Two women have returned home on account of illness. Eleven new women have been received. We have had two self-supporting pupils. This fall one of our last year's graduates returned to the school, as assistant teacher.

At Chinese New Year's we rented rooms in a house adjoining the Girls' School, and thus were enabled to take ten more girls, making thirty-five pupils, beside two little girls ten years old who are self-supporting. Two of the old pupils have left this year. All the pupils have made good progress in their studies, especially the first class, which will

finish the third year of our Course of Study at the end of their second year. Twenty of the girls are church-members. Fifteen of the others have been baptized and all are probationers and striving to live Christ-like lives.

We have fourteen Day-schools, with a membership of over two hundred. Several of the schools have a membership of twenty pupils. Good work has been done in nearly all the schools. At present a larger per cent of the pupils are from Christian families, so not so large a number have been baptized or received into the church as formerly, but the teachers are as faithful in teaching of Christ as formerly. During the year eleven have been baptized and eight received into the church from the Day-schools.

We have had six Bible-women, but four of them are old, so only two have been able to do full work. The largest amount of visiting has been done by our Dio-siong Bible-woman. She has averaged three-hundred and forty visits each quarter, led twelve or more prayer-meetings, visited twenty sick people, taught several women to read. Her visits have covered several villages. All the six Bible-women reported for second quarter, five-hundred visits made to preach the Gospel to three thousand three hundred and sixty-eight women. Fifty-five were led to attend church regularly; twenty-two were taught to read. Each quarter's report is much the same.

In Iong-bing we have three Day-schools. The one at Ciong-hu-buang is taught by one of our former Ku-cheng teachers, whose husband was appointed there at Conference time. Here we have five women living at the Chapel preparing to be Day-school teachers. Mrs. Cüng teaches them in addition to the Day-school. One of them is self-supporting. These women have learned wonderfully well this year, and we hope they may soon be able to work among the women of the District, for we have no workers there.

At Sek-se Du is also one of our Ku-cheng teachers. The school is very small. There seems to be little interest in anything good in that village.

At Iong-bing City we have a large school. The pupils are all children of Foochow people, who are in business in Iong-bing. The teacher is from Diong-löh, her husband being in business at Iong-bing. Thus all

our work in Iong-bing is at present done in Foochow dialect, as we have no workers who can speak the Iong-bing dialect. We are glad of this small beginning in Iong-bing district and hope next year we may be able to do more for this needy people.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT WORK.

Mrs Elizabeth Fisher Brewster.

The Woman's School enrolled for the year seven women. Their work in character was so little and unsatisfactory that we decided there needed to be a Preparatory School in Romanized for testing the ability of the women before receiving them for a full course of study in character. In a small degree because of this change, but in the largest degree because of the opposition of a leading native worker, from whom we expected help, the school is now closed. There is among our Christian women on the district, outside of Hu-iong, a strange indifference to the value of a Christian education, and unless there is more genuine interest manifest on the district at large it will hardly pay to reopen the school, especially until a new family is sent to take charge of the work.

Last term there was a small Boarding School opened by Mrs. Mc Nabb. Nine girls were enrolled. They passed a very creditable examination and we reopened this autumn and now have fourteen girls. They are working hard and learning rapidly. In deportment they give their teachers great satisfaction. This is to us the most hopeful outlook. We rejoice that while the church members do not seem to care to educate their wives, yet they seem anxious to give every advantage to their daughters. Pray for God's richest blessings to rest upon this school.

We have had five schools this year with 45 girls enrolled. One school was closed by the removal of the teacher and not reopened. There are now four schools. The reports show very good work done by the pupils. We trust that these schools may increase in numbers and usefulness as time goes by.

The two efficient Bible-women working report good opportunities

for preaching the Word to the heathen and that some have turned from their idols to serve God. Several thousand have been told the Story. The seed sown by these women will we trust bring forth an abundant harvest.

We regret to report that Mrs. McNabb, who had charge of this Ing-chung work the first half of the year, and who loved it with all her heart, was compelled to return home in July. To do this work full justice and help these workers in all departments to their highest usefulness the lady-in-charge should live on the ground and give her whole time to it. Our love for the work is not less than that of one who lived there but our opportunities for fulfilling our hearts desire are much lessened. Pray for Ing-chung's women.

XIV. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, Presiding Elder.

Post Office, Foochow.

Foochow: Tieng-ang Dong,—Iek Ing Guang, † Sia Sek Ong. †
Cing-Sing Dong,—Hü Bö Mi, † Cö Kong Ching.
Hok-ing Dong,—Dang Seng Ling, † One to be supplied.
Sieu-liang Dong, To be supplied.

Bah-hu,--Dong Ceng Ga.

Puo-a,--To be supplied.

Lu-loi,—To be supplied.

Cieng-muang and Ngie-cang,--Ling Dieu Gek.

Iek-iong,--To be supplied.

Ngu-kang and Teng-kau,—Ding Daing Dieu, One to be supplied.

Nguong-die,—Uong Gi Uong.

West Gate,--To be supplied.

W. H. Lacy, † Superintendent of Mission Press, and Business Agent of the Mission; Member of Cing-Sing Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. S. Miner, † Professor in the Anglo-Chinese College, and Superintendent of Day Schools supported by special gifts; Member of Sieu-liang Dong Quarterly Conference.

N. J. Plumb, † Professor in School of Theology.

G. B. Smyth, † President of the Anglo-Chinese College, Principal Boys' Boarding School, and Editor of Fohkien Church Advocate; Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Worley, † President of the School of Theology.

Sia Sek Ong, † Professor in School of Theology and Asociate Editor of Fohkien Christian Advocate.

Sia Heng Tö, Monitor in Anglo-Chinese College.

Uong Di Gi, Teacher in Foochow Girls' Boarding School.

Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, and Mrs G. S. Miner, Instructors in the Anglo-Chinese College.

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* Local Preacher. † Elder

MING CHIANG DISTRICT.

N. SITES, PRESIDING ELDER.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chek Du and Baik Du,—To be supplied.
Ciong-iong,—To be supplied.
Ek Du,—To be supplied.
Lek Du,—U Sëük Hŭ.
Ne Du,—Tiang Ngük Chiu.
Se Du,—To be supplied.
Sek-ek Du,—Ding Ching Séng.
Sek-se Du,—Uong Huong Sing.
Sek-ngo Du,—Lau Guang Hŭng. †
Sek-baik Du,—To be supplied.
Sek-chek Du,—To be supplied.
U Seuk Hu, Principal of the Bible Training School.

KU CHENG DISTRICT.

M. C. WILCOX, PRESIDING ELDER.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chong-tau,—Diong Ming Dung. †
Cing-sang,—Ling Ui Sieng, and one to be supplied.
Dio-a,—Ling Sëü Ing, and one to be supplied.
Dong-huang,—Ding Siu Kŭng. †
Duai-giang,—Ding Bö Cing, and one to be supplied.
Huang-de-iong,—Ling Dieu Daik. *
Huang-kang,—Li Guong Siu.
Ku-cheng City,—Gong Sing Caë, * and Ding Siu Cing.
Ku-de and Gö-iong,—Ling Ching Mi, and Ding Bek Daik.
Liang-nang,—Ding Iok Nguong, † Tiang Chiong Chaing, * and Cieu Buoi Nguong. *
Loi-hung,—Ding Daik Liong, † and one to be supplied.
Sek-baik Du,—Tiang Ngük Cëü, and two to be supplied.
Seng-iong and Dio-siong,—Cieu Heng Deng, * and one to be supplied.
Seng-lëng and Gang-kä, Ling Heng Tung, and one to be supplied.
J. J. Gregory, M. D., Physician-in-charge of Wiley General Hospital, Ku-cheng City; Post Office, Foochow.
Ding Diong Hie, * Chaplain of Wiley General Hospital.
M. C. Wilcox, † Principal of Boys' Boarding School, Ku-cheng City.
Ding Ung Tiu, Teacher in W. F. M. S. Boarding Schools, Ku-cheng.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

N. J. PLUMB, PRESIDING ELDER.

Post Office, Foochow.

Deng-aing,—Siek Chiong Tieng. *
Geng-giang,—Ding Hieng Ngieu, † one to be supplied.
Ha Gong-ing,—Hü Nguong Dang. *
Hai-iu,—Huong Daik Chiong. †
Hai-kau,—Ung Guong Goi. *
Ha-ü,—Ngoi Gi Lang. †
Hok-chiang City,—U Sieu E, † Ciong Hok Chü, one to be supplied.
Ngu-cheng,—Hö Dieu Icu, Siek Gi Chiong, * Uong Hung Nguong, one to be supplied.
Ngü-ka,—U Siu Ling, one to be supplied.
Sang-sang,—Hö Bau Iu. *
Siek-geng,—Li Gi Chiong, Ung Uong Cui. *
Sing-dong,—Sie Seng Cang, † one to be supplied.
Siong Gong-ing,—Hö Ik Ngüng.
Deng-cheng,—Ciong Daik Liong. †

IONG BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. C. Wilcox, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Ciong-hu-buang,—Cüng Daik Ming.
Hu-nguong,—Hu Ing Chung, * and one to be supplied.
Iong-bing City,—Diong Seük Buo, † and one to be supplied.
Iu-kä,—To be supplied.
Sa-gaing,—Pang Ding Hie. †
Sä-ka-kau,—To be supplied.
Sek-chek Du,—Tiang Siong Hui.
Sek-se Du,—Ding Giu U.
Se-sek-ngo Du,—Hu Ing Ing. *
Sing-gio,—Hu Ing Li. *
Song-chiong,—Diong Giu Hua, and one to be supplied.

BUO DIENG DISTRICT. [HING HUA.]

Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Hing-hua City,—Ding Nik Sing, † Two to be supplied.
Buo-hi,—Ling Hai Lang, * One to be supplied.
Sa-huong,—Säëng Bang Ciong. *
Guang-au,—Siek Sek Diong, One to be supplied.
Dëng-nguong,—Uong Deng Huong. *
Deng-sang,—Diong Hok Gi.
Hang-geng,—Chai Hi Seng, * One to be supplied.
Chüng-sieng,—Ngu Ing Huak, * Ngok Cau Puang. *
Hong-ciak and Deng-cio,—Uong Nguk Ciong, * Uong Tieng Siong, * One to be supplied.
Kang-baek,—Ding Tieng Pui. *
Kia-siok,—Li Siu Heng. *
Nang-nik,—Ling Cing Cieng.†
Bing-hai,—Ling Ming Sang † Li Kö Ding, Two to be supplied.
Siong-dai-li,—Ling Seng Dong. *
Bak-gö-lau,—To be supplied.
W. N. Brewster, † Principal Bible Training School and Boys' Boarding School.
Mrs. E. F. Brewster, Assistant Principal of Boys' Boarding School.
Hü Caik Hang, † Assistant Principal of Bible Training School.
Ding Cing Guong, * Teacher in Bible Training School.
Saeng Hok Lieng, † Monitor of Boys' Boarding School and Teacher of Christian Books.

HAI TANG DISTRICT.

Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder.

N. J. Plumb, Missionary.

Dai-ho,--Ung Seng Chuang.
Dai-lieng,—To be supplied.
Dai-bang, —U Sieu Ieu.*
Deng-chiong,—To be supplied.
Ngiu-seü and Bah-sua,—Ling Mi Ing, one to be supplied.
Sang-le,—Ling Chiong Ling, * one to be supplied.
Tang-tau,—Ceng Ung Uong.

SIENG IU DISTRICT. [HING HUA.]

LING MING CHIONG, PRESIDING ELDER.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary.

Sieng-iu City,—Ding Soi Ling.† Ding Uong Chiong, * One to be supplied.
Chiong-ong,—Li Nga Hung, † Two to be supplied.
Lüng-hu-sang,—Dong Sieng Nguong, One to be supplied.
Lieng-hua,—Ling Hung Chö, Ling Hok Sieng, * One to be supplied.
Ung-sü,—Ding Seo Gi. *
Cia-sang,—Ling Seng Eü, † Ling Hung Hüng. *
Gieng-sang,—Ding Nik Sing, * One to be supplied.
Buo-moi,—Saëng Ngük Chung, Two to be supplied.
Lieng-cüi,—Ding Ga Sing, † One to be supplied.
Gie-dieng,—Saeng Hok Ming, Ling Cieng Chung. *
Hu-sang,—To be supplied.

ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

IONG DAIK CHEU, PRESIDING ELDER.

N. J. Plumb, Missionary.

Chiak-cui,—Nguong Guok Hing, one to be supplied.
Daik-hua and Au-bung,—Song Guong Huo, one to be supplied.
Dai-cheng,—Ceng Cong Ming. †
Hu-iong,—Sia Lieng Li, † one to be supplied.
Ing-chung City,—Ling Huoi Dö.*
Cing-cui Ding,—To be supplied.
Ngu-bö and Cing-cui Die,—Cieng Ngie Seng. *
Maeng-u, Ko Ung Chai. *
Tö-nguong and Guong-cae,—Chio Ko Chu, * one to be supplied.
Woman's School,—Sia Lieng Li. †

R. L. Mc Nabb absent on leave in the United States.
E. R. Jellison, Ralph O. Irish, U Teh Yuen, Lau Ching Tsung, Cheng Yeng Kwai, Lau No I, Tai Teh Kao, Wang Sia Shau, Tieng Yu Min, Missionaries in the Central China Mission.
Gok Ki, Li Shau Wen, Lao Chie Lung, Song Giu Go, Song Ngie, Niek Sing Ek, transferred to North China Conference.
Hu Chi Pin transferred to the South Germany Conference.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY WORK.

Foochow District.

Girls' Boarding School,—Miss Julia Bonafield, Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson.
Woman's School,—Mrs. G. L. Worley.
High-class Seminary,—Miss Ruth Marie Sites.
Orphanage,—Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy.
Day Schools,—Mrs. M. M. Miner.
Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Sarah M. Bosworth.
Hospital Work,—Mary E. Carleton, M. D., Ellen M. Lyon, M. D., Luella M. Masters, M. D.
Liang-au Hospital Evangelistic work,—Mrs. Alice H. Smyth.

Ming Chiang District.

Woman's School, Day Schools, and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Ruth Marie Sites. Miss Mary Peters, Student of the Language.

Hok Chiang District.

Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools, and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Lydia A. Trimble. Miss Mabel Allen, Student of the Language.

Hai Tang District.

Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Lydia A. Trimble, Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Buo Dieng District.

Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Minnie E. Wilson.
Hing-hua Woman's School and Girls' Boarding School,—Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Brewster.

Sieng Iu District.

Woman's School, Day Schools, and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Minnie E. Wilson

Ing Chung District.

Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Bible Woman's Work, and Day Schools,—Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Brewster.

Ku Cheng District.

Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools, and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Mabel C. Hartford, Miss Willma H. Rouse.

Iong Bing District.

Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Mabel C. Hartford.

XV. STATISTICAL TABLES.

GEO. S. MINER, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Tabulated Statistics do not include the following items:—

Foreign Missionaries	10
Assistant Foreign Missionaries	6
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.	12

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers*	6
" " Native teachers	7
" " Students	140
Foochow Theological School, Foreign teachers*	1
" " " Native teachers	3
" " " Students	23
Hinghua Biblical Training School, Foreign teachers*	1
" " " Native teachers	2
" " " Scholars	28
W. F. M. S. Four Girls' Boarding Schools, Native teachers	12
" " " Scholars	208
" Seven Woman's Schools: scholars	169
" Hospital Students	8
" Orphanage, No. of Foundlings	23

PROPERTY.

Anglo-Chinese College, Dormitory and Apparatus	$22,000
Nine Residence at Foochow, Hing-hua and Ku-cheng	22,000
Two Native parsonages†	1,700
W. F. M. S. Foochow Girls' Boarding School and Residence	14,000
" " Woman's School and Residence	5,000
" " Two Hospitals and Residence	9,500
" " Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage	2,000
" Hinghua, Juliet Turner Memorial Woman's School	375
" " Hamilton Girls' Boarding School	1,150
Wiley General Hospital, Kucheng	6,000
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building	5,000
Mission Press Type, Presses, &c.	13,000

* Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

† Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAMES OF CIRCUITS, OR STATIONS.	*Native Ordained Preachers.*	*Native Unordained Preachers.*	*Native Workers of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.*	*Members.*	*Probationers.*	*No. of Baptized Children.*	*Adherents.*	*Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.*	*Conversions during the year.*	*Adults Baptized.*	*Children Baptized.*
Foochow District.											
Tieng-ang Dong	2	8	2	181	47	50	300	300	120	54	22
Cing-sing „	1	1	1	62	68	13	100	80	10	29	3
Hok-ing „	1	1	1	31	11	8	200	60	8	11	2
Siu-liang „	..	1	..	17	22	6	150	90	15	19	5
Ba-hu	..	1	..	19	16	6	19	50	3	5	6
Lu-loi	..	1	1	8	23	4	60	40	..	6	4
Iek-iong	..	1	1	40	60	17	60	120	11	41	12
Gui-hung	..	1	1	94	10	13	300	120	23	11	3
Hung-mui	..	1	1	13	59	9	600	40	10	4	4
Cieng-muang	..	..	..	..	18	..	40	40	..	2	..
Totals	4	16	8	465	334	126	1829	920	200	182	61
Hok-chiang District.											
Ngu-cheng	2	10	5	160	270	134	500	420	56	56	22
Hok-chiang City	1	2	7	80	125	34	280	180	110	50	12
Deng-cheng	1	1	1	14	20	13	60	50	30	1	..
Hai-kau	1	2	..	46	64	21	150	150	25	8	6
Sing-dong	1	5	1	128	134	76	220	280	25	16	14
Geng-giang	2	1	2	132	130	108	240	340	30	8	8
Siek-geng	..	3	2	134	278	84	360	320	40	38	18
Hai-iu	..	5	1	96	135	45	320	360	32	28	3
Ha-u	1	3	3	76	98	48	120	140	2	2	3
Gong-ing	1	..	..	73	117	59	130	190	40	15	8
Au-bou	1	..	..	6	8	2	20	20	10	3	2
Deng-aing	1	..	1	39	32	36	56	55	10	..	3
Sang-sang	..	1	..	24	55	9	60	80	5	2	3
Ngu-ka	..	2	1	20	134	18	160	160	40	28	..
Totals	12	35	24	1028	1600	687	2676	2745	455	255	102
Ing-chung District.											
Ing-chung City	..	2	..	36	24	13	50	65	2	4	3
Hu-iong	2	..	..	43	3	31	5	50	6	7	3
Daik-hua	2	1	..	26	8	16	30	35	4	1	8
Chiah-cui	2	..	..	22	10	9	35	35	2	4	3
Dai-cheng	1	..	..	19	15	4	100	32	2	1	3
Uang-hu	..	1	..	21	8	2	20	20	4	4	1
Ngo-bo	..	1	..	21	5	6	30	20	5	7	3
To-nguong	..	1	..	25	26	3	50	50	6	8	2
Totals	7	6	..	213	99	84	320	307	31	36	26

OOCHOW CONFERENCE,

	No. of Day-Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-Schools.	No. of Sabbath-Scholars.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for Bishops' Support.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
2	40	2	500	1	$3,400	1	$7	$82.30	...	$157.07	....	$44.30
	21	2	300	1	2,000	..	....	16.40	$ 9.00	22.10	....	8.00
1	31	1	50	1	1,500	..	....	6.20	3.20	12.50	....	5.00
3	168	3	170	1	300	2	1	5.50	....	4.90	....	1.40
	57	1	30	..	....	1	....	....	.98	....	....	....
	45	2	65	..	...	2	....	....	....	....	....	....
	..	1	60	..	....	..	....	1.00	.70	6.60	....	3.80
7	140	2	60	2	1,200	1	....	5.60	11.00	10.70	....	....
	19	1	30	..	....	1	..	1.00	....		....	....
2	50	1	30	..	...	..	....	....	....		....	....
0	571	16	1295	6	$8,400	8	$8	$118.00	$24.88	$213.87	...	$62.50
3	41	6	115	1	$ 400	..	$2.00	$10.00	$2.80	$116.00	$ 80.00	$60.00
3	65	3	140	1	1,800	2	1.00	6.00	5.00	40.00	12.00	45.00
	.	1	30	..	....	1	....	1.00	....	8.00	....	1.80
	..	3	50	2	840	..	.50	6.00	4.24	43.50	....	55.00
3	32	7	160	3	1,200	..	1.00	6.00	3.00	49.00	182.00	63.00
3	49	6	124	7	1,240	..	1.00	7.00	5.00	77.00	28.00	30.00
	35	7	70	7	1,500	..	1.00	6.00	4.00	59.00	110.00	55.00
2	32	6	65	5	2,360	..	.40	5.00	8.00	54.00	10.00	40.00
3	35	2	30	2	1,400	..	.60	4.00	5.00	42.00	40.00	6.00
2	24	2	70	3	960	..	.50	5.00	2.00	53.50	8.00	33.00
	..	..	..	..	...	1	....	.50	....	42.00	....	5.00
1	23	3	40	2	220	..	.20	1.50	1.00	17.70	....	6.20
1	13	1	8	..	....	1	.40	1.50	.50	18.00	....	12.00
2	38	1	30	..	....	1	.40	3.00	.40	25.60	....	40.00
6	387	48	932	33	$11,920	6	$9.00	$62.50	$40.94	$645.30	$470.00	$452.00
	..	2	37	..	..	2	....	$4.17	$1.10	$18.05	$15.00	$ 5.50
2	26	1	40	1	$2,900	..	....	3.57	2.00	30.50	80.00	16.00
2	18	2	34	1	450	1	....	2.00	1.80	10.50	10.00	5.10
1	14	1	26	1	650	..	$.40	3.00	.50	17.00	50.00	3 00
	..	1	14	1	500	..	.30	3.40	.80	17.00	20.00	2 00
1	7	1	24	..	..	1	.30	2.00	1.60	4.00	....	3.00
1	8	1	12	..	..	1	.30	2.00	1.90	6.00	....	2 00
	..	3	37	1	310	1	.50	4.00	.80	14.75	5.00	7 00
7	73	12	224	5	$4,810	6	$1.80	$24.14	$10.50	$117.80	$180.00	$48.60

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Ming-chiang District.												
Ne-du	1	..	..	32	61	17	120	80	..	39	15	
Lek-du	1	..	4	96	80	40	268	210	..	76	16	
Sek-ek-du	..	..	2	29	40	9	110	85	..	9	3	
Sek-se-du	1	..	..	51	12	11	95	55	..	31	3	
Sek-ngo-du	1	..	4	83	108	40	228	175	..	49	20	
Totals	4	..	10	291	301	117	821	605	..	204	57	
Hai-tang District.												
Tang-tau	2	2	1	35	37	22	20	70	4	7	15	
Dai-ho	1	1	1	44	23	16	20	100	1	3	2	
Dai-bang	...	1	1	39	25	22	30	50	6	1	2	
Ngieu-sü	1	2	3	63	154	23	30	200	6	9	2	
Sang-le	1	1	1	51	73	30	15	120	5	5	3	
Totals	5	7	7	232	312	113	115	540	22	25	24	
Buo-dieng District.												
Hing-hua City	5	1	10	167	146	53	60	300	..	19	9	
Guang-au	1	4	4	113	222	63	50	400	..	41	9	
Po-hi	..	3	3	35	154	31	10	229	..	38	19	
Dëng-sing	..	2	1	44	70	15	30	90	..	13	3	
Dang-moi	..	1	..	27	80	20	22	60	..	16	10	
Hang-gang	1	1	2	25	48	21	41	71	..	15	8	
Bing-hai	1	4	4	88	82	81	50	200	..	13	26	
Hong-ciah	1	4	3	26	110	16	200	200	..	43	6	
Heoh-sih	1	..	1	41	39	15	70	160	..	7	11	
Nang-dih	3	..	3	38	34	18	38	98	..	8	..	
Siong-tai	..	1	1	13	10	..	10	20	..	1	..	
Ka-bok	..	1	1	41	110	49	30	180	..	22	19	
Bak-go-lau	..	1	..	14	20	4	16	29	..	2	5	
Totals	13	23	33	672	1125	386	627	2037	..	238	125	
Sieng-iu District.												
A-ga	2	1	2	72	105	26	100	130	..	20	10	
Lieng-cü	1	1	2	71	130	18	25	160	..	9	1	
Tauk-sang	1	1	3	70	110	32	70	150	..	24	2	
Buo-mui	1	1	3	31	190	17	100	250	..	12	1	
Chiong-ung	2	1	3	54	85	19	20	50	..	21	10	
Lëüng-hua	1	2	1	38	73	15	29	125	..	10	4	
Gieng-sang	..	2	1	36	40	8	30	70	..	8	.	
Ung sü	..	1	2	45	32	25	30	80	..	1	6	
Lëüng-hu-sang	..	2	1	37	50	18	30	80	..	12	8	
Hu-sang	..	1	1	7	6	9	10	20	..	..	..	
Gie-cheng	..	1	1	49	33	8	12	100	..	6	3	
Totals	8	14	20	510	854	195	456	1215	..	123	45	

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34	3	60	1	$ 450	5	....	$2.50	....	$ 7.99	$ 9.00	$2.00
60	4	132	1	1,200	6	....	7.00	....	30.52	6.00	6.00
30	3	48	..	....	3	....	1.50	....	4.60	....	2.00
23	2	48	1	90	1	....	1.50	....	5.00	52.00	2.00
96	3	112	..	....	6	....	3.50	....	11.60	....	4.00
243	15	400	3	$1,740	21	$2 50	$16,00	....	$59.71	$67.00	$16.00
11	2	23	1	$950	1	$ .80	$5.00	$3.00	$15.00	....	$12.00
13	3	70	..	....	1	.70	1.50	....	20.00	....	5.50
42	2	21	1	300	1	.30	1.50	2.00	10.00	....	16.00
59	4	180	1	950	3	1.00	5.50	3.00	61.00	$ 20.00	20.00
31	2	30	1	850	1	.50	3.50	....	28.00	....	8.00
156	13	324	4	$3,050	7	$3.30	$ 17.00	$8.00	$ 134.00	$ 20.00	$ 61.50
167	2	250	8	$11,000	..	$1.00	$ 30.00	$ 17.00	$91.00	$288.50	$23.50
85	5	160	1	1,000	4	.50	3.00	1.75	60.00	360.00	26.00
26	4	121	2	130	3	....	1.00	.95	13.00	8.00	2.86
..	1	20	1	200	2	.50	1.50	2.55	25.00	10.00	....
..	1	18	..	....	1	.30	2.00	1.29	13.00	16.00	3.40
..	1	30	2	300	1	.50	1.00	1.46	16.90	16.20	9.52
100	4	70	3	274	2	.50	2.00	3.00	39.50	27.00	6.00
38	1	8	..	....	5	.20	1.00	1.00	17.50	20.00	10.00
30	2	40	3	300	..	.50	.50	1.30	23.50	28.50	4.00
15	2	34	1	250	1	.30	2.00	2.50	13.50	23.00	1.50
..	1	6	1	60	1	...	.50	....	29.50	4.00	2.50
32	2	80	2	600	1	.50	1.50	1.40	38.50	55.70	8.10
..	1	20	1	100	..	....	.80	.60	7.50	2.50	1.00
423	27	857	25	$ 14,214	21	$4.80	$46.82	$34.70	$388.40	$849.40	$98.38
13	2	120	1	$1,500	1	$ .50	$1.50	$ 2.20	$58.00	$ 34.00	$ .90
8	2	120	3	1,300	1	.50	4.00	1.60	72.00	90.50	18 00
30	2	80	1	500	1	.50	6.00	7.80	65.00	73.50	19.70
45	3	100	1	300	2	.50	3.00	4.50	63 00	243.10	20.70
17	3	80	1	1,200	1	.50	1.50	4.70	36.00	59.50	7 90
.	3	43	2	550	1	.50	3.00	1.10	31.00	282.80	19.00
34	2	50	2	360	..	.50	2.50	10.00	59.50	73.00	8.50
14	1	30	1	200	..	.50	2.00	20.00	31.00	103.00	9.80
..	2	20	2	300	..	.50	3.00	6.00	20.00	59.50	18.00
..	1	25	..	....	1	.50	.50	.70	65.0	8.00	.....
..	2	40	2	1,400	..	.50	1.00	1.30	18.00	8.00	7.50
161	23	708	16	$7,610	8	$5.50	$ 28.00	$59.90	$ 480.40	$1,035.90	$129.00

OFFICIAL MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH SESSION

OF THE

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

HELD AT

FOOCHOW, NOVEMBER, 19TH,

1895.

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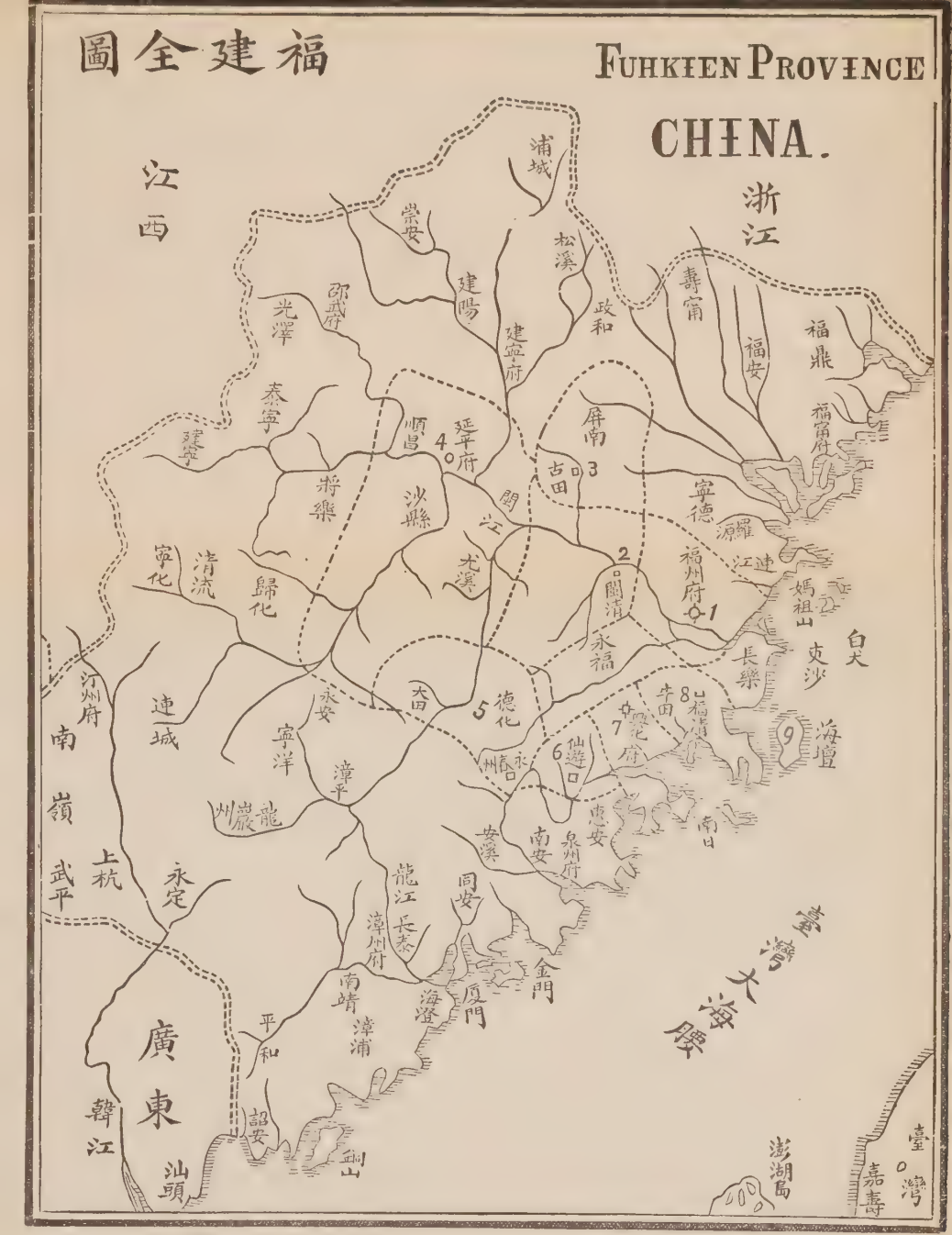

1. Foochow District. 4. Iong-bing District. 7. Hing-hua: Buo-dieng District.
2. Ming-chiang ,, 5. Ing-chung ,, 8. Hok-chiang ,,
3. Ku-cheng ,, 6. Hing-hua: Sieng-iu ,, 9. Hai-tang ,,

DEACONS.

1893	Ciong Hok Cü	.. Hok-chiang City	.... Hok-chiang	District	3
1893	Co Kong Ching	.. West Gate	.... Foochow	„	1
1893	Cüng Daik Ming	.. Chiong-hubuang	.... Iong-bing	„	3
1893	Ding Be Dak	.. Go-iong	.... Kucheng	„	2
1892	Ding Bo Cing	.. Duai-giang	.... Kucheng	„	1
1892	Ding Daing Dieu	.. Ngu-kang	.... Foochow	„	5
1892	Ding Giu Ü	.. Sek-se Du	.... Iong-bing	„	1
1893	Dong Sieng Nguong	Ung-su	.... Sieng-iu	„	1
1893	Ho Dieu Ieu	.. Ngu-cheng	.... Hok-chiang	„	3
1889	Li Kwong Siu	.. Sek-se Du	.... Ming-chiang	„	1
1891	Ling Ching Mi	.. Ku-de	.... Kucheng	„	3
1892	Ling Heng Tung	.. Seng-leng	.... Kucheng	„	3
1892	Ling Hung Cho	.. Tieng-hua	.... Sieng-iu	„	3
1892	Ling Ui Sieng	.. Ding-sang	.... Kucheng	„	3
1889	Saeng Ngük Chung	.. Puo-mui	.... Buo-dieng	„	3
1894	Song Hok Ming	.. Chung-deng Li	.... Buo-dieng	„	1
1892	Tiang Ngük Chiu	.. Ne Du	.... Ming-chiang	„	4
1892	Tiang Siong Hui	.. Sek-chek Du	.... Iong-bing	„	2
1892	Ü Seuk Hu	.. Lek Du	.... Ming-chiang	„	5
1892	Ung Sing Chuang	.. Dai-ho	.... Hai-tang	„	2
1894	Uong Huong Sing	.. Sek-se Du	.... Ming-chiang	„	1

PROBATIONERS.

1895	Ding Nik Ong	.. Gieng-sang	.... Sieng-iu	District	1
1895	Ding Tieng Buoi	.. Kang-baek	.... Buo-dieng	„	1
1892	Ding Cing Seng	.. Sek-ek Du	.... Ming-chiang	„	4
1893	Ding Siu Cing	.. Baik Du	.... „	„	3
1894	Diong Hok Gi	.. Seng-sang			
1894	Diong Giu Hua	.. Song-chiong	.... Iong-bing	„	1
1894	Dong Ching Ga	.. Puo-a			
1894	Ho Ik Ngüng	.. Siong-kong-ing	.... Hok-chiang	„	1
1894	Li Gi Chiong	.. Siek-geng	.... „	„	4
1895	Li Ko Ting	.. Bing-hai	.... Buo-dieng	„	2
1894	Ling Dieu Gek	.. Cieng-buang	.... Foochow	„	2
1895	Ling Dieu Daik	.. Ngu-cang	.... Foochow	„	1
1895	Ngu Ing Ki	.. Cheng-cai	.... Buo-dieng	„	1
1895	Saeng Bang Ciong	.. Sa-huong	.... „	„	1
1895	Sia Tieng Ang	.. Teacher School of Theology ..	Foochow	„	1
1895	Siek Gi Ciong	.. Ngu-cheng	.... Hok-chiang	„	2
1894	Uong Huong Sing	.. Liang-nang	.... Kucheng	„	3
1894	Uong Gi Uong	.. Nguong-die	.... Foochow	„	3
1894	Uong Hung Ngung	.. Ngu-cheng	.... Hok-chiang	„	2
1895	Uong Ngük Ciong	.. Lieng-hua	.... Sieng-iu	„	1
1895	Uong Deng Hwong	.. Deng-nguong	.... Buo-dieng	„	1
1895	Uong Hwong Siong	.. Au-ong Ga	.... Foochow	„	1
1895	Ung Uong Chui	.. Siek-geng	.... Hok-chiang	„	1
1895	Uong Tieng Siong	.. Hong-ciah	.... Buo-dieng	„	1

1895 Chang Shuh Ling, Hwang Tsz Sing, Tsu Cheng Tsung, Tsai Tek Kao, Uang Siao Shan, U Tek Yuen, Hu Che Ping, Tieng Yu Ming, Ralph O. Irish, E. R. Jellison, members of Central China Mission.

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Interpreter.

J. H. WORLEY.

English Secretary.

N. J. PLUMB.

Chinese Secretary.

UONG DI GI.

Assistant Secretaries.

G. B. SMYTH, CENG UNG UONG.

Statistical Secretary.

G. S. MINER.

Assistant.

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Treasurer.

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On Temperance.—J. H. Worley, Ung Seng Chuang, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ling Hung Chö, Song Guong Huo.

On Sabbath Observance.—N. J. Plamb, Ding Daing Diu, Li Ngä Hung, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Iok Nguong.

On Self Support.—W. N. Brewster, Ding Nik Sing, Ciong Daik Liong, Ling Mi Ing, Song Guong Huo, Ding Iok Nguong, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Li Ngä Hung, Pang Ding Hie, Iek Ing Guang.

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Conference Stewards.—W. H. Lacy, Sia Heng Tö, Diong Söük Buo, Ding Siu Küng, Huong Daik Chiong, Ding Ga Sing, Ling Cing Cieng, Song Guong Huo.

IV. CONFERENCE BOARDS.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY TRUSTEES.

For One Year.—Hü Bö Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

For Two Years.—G. B. Smyth, Sia Sek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

For Three Years.—J. H. Worley, N. J. Plumb, Hü Caik Hang.

BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

Geo. B. Smyth, President.

Mrs. W. N. Brewster.	W. H. Lacy.
Miss L. A. Wilkinson.	Hü Bö Mi.
Miss Willma H. Rouse.	Li Diong Cui.
Miss Althea Todd.	Ding Ung Tiu.

V. ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1896.

1. EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Class of the First Year.—G. B. Smyth, Li Diong Cui, Hü Caik Hang, Iek Ing Guang.

Class of the Second Year.—N. J. Plumb, U Sieu E, Diong Seük Buo, Ling Ming Ciong.

Class of the Third Year.—J. H. Worley, Huong Pau Seng, Dang Seng Ling, Ding Siu Küng.

Class of the Fourth Year.—G. S. Miner, Ciong Daik Liong, Daing Gieng Ing, Ngoi Ki Lang.

Admission on Trial.—W. N. Brewster, Hü Bö Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Ding Ga Sing.

For Local Orders.—Rev. Owen, Uong Di Gi, Lau Guang Hüng, Sie Seng Cang.

2. ANNIVERSARIES.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—Hü Caik Hang; alternate, Siek Sek Diong.

To Preach Conference Sermon.—Huong Pau Seng; alternate, Ceng Ung Uong.

3. FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To the American Board Mission.—G. S. Miner, Hü Bö Mi.

To the Anglican Mission.—J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong.

To the M. E. Church South Mission.—N. J. Plumb.

To the Central China M. E. Mission.—G. B. Smyth.

4. FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Presbyterian Church at Amoy.—W. N. Brewster, Iong Daik Cheu.

To the Board in New York, in reply to letter signed by Bishop Andrews and S. L. Baldwin.—G. B. Smyth.

To the North China Conference.—N. J. Plumb, Sia Sek Ong.

To the West China M. E. Mission.—J. H. Worley.

5. COMMITTEES.

To Prepare Conference Program.—Resident Missionaries in Hinghua, Pastor of the City Church and the Presiding Elder.

To Examine Medical Students.—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, Uong Di Gi.

To Examine Girls' School Teachers.—Hü Bö Mi, Iong Daik Cheu, Iek Ing Guang, Ling Ming Ciong.

To Publish Conference Minutes.—W. H. Lacy, N. J. Plumb, G. S. Miner, Uong Di Gi.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES, NOMINATED.

On Education.—G. B. Smyth, Ding Ung Tiu, Hu Caik Hang, Uong Di Gi, Iek Ing Guang.

On Sunday Schools.—G. S. Miner, U Sieu E, Ding Siu Küng, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong.

On Religious Literature.—N. J. Plumb, Uong Guok Hing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Tiang Siong Hui, Cüng Daik Ming, Tiang Ngük Cëü.

On Temperance.—W. N. Brewster, Sie Seng Cang, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Ding Giu Ü.

On Sabbath Observance.—Ding Nik Sing, Ding Dai Liong, Li Nga Hung, Ding Hieng Ngieu.

On Self Support.—J. H. Worley, Ding Ga Sing, Ling Ming Sang, Ling Ching Mi, Sie Seng Cang.

VI. CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

In the Studies of Fourth Year.—Ding Giu Ü, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ü Seuk Hu, Ding Bö Cing, Saeng Nguk Chung, Li Gi Chiong.

In the Studies of the Third Year.—Cung Daik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Uong Huong Sing, Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Hö Dieu Ieu, Ding Ching Seng.

In the Studies of the Second Year.—Uong Hung Ngüng, Hö Ik Ngüng, Diong Giu Hua, Diong Hok Gi, Dong Cheng Ka, Li Kö Ding, Ling Dieu Gek. Ralph O. Irish, Ernest R. Jellison, Tieng Yu Mung, Hu Chi Pin, Wu Tek Yuen, Liu Mo Ye, Tsu Tsing Cheu.

In the Studies of the First Year.—Sia Tieng Ang, Saeng Bang Ciong, Ngu Ing Gi, Ding Tieng Buoi, Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Ngük Chiong, Uong Deng Huong, Uong Huong Siong, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Kö Düng, Ung Uong Cui, Ding Nik Ong, Uong Gi Uong, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuh Ling, Jesse F. Newman, Tsai Iek Kao, Uang Siao Shan.

VII. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—*Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
Jesse F. Newman, Wisconsin Conference; Hu Chü Pin, South German Conference.

2.—*Who have been Readmitted?*
None.

3.—*Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4.—*Who have been Received on Trial?*

(*a*) In Studies of first year: Sia Tieng Ang, Saeng Bang Ciong, Ngu Ing Gi, Ding Tieng Buoi, Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Ngük Chiong, Uong Deng Huong, Uong Huong Siong, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Kö Düng, Ung Uong Cui, Ding Nik Ong, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuh Ling.

(b) In Studies of third year. None.

5.—*Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(*a*) In Studies of first year: Uong Gi Uong (1894), Jesse F. Newman, Tsai Tek Kao (1894), Uong Siao Shan (1894).

(*b*) In Studies of second year: Uong Hung Ngüng, Hö Ik Ngung, Diong Giu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Diong Hok Gi, Dong Cheng Ka, Li Kö Ding, Ralph O. Irish, Ernest R. Jellison, Tieng Yu Ming, Hu Chi Pin, U Tek Yuen, Liu Mo Ye (1894) Tsu Tsing Chen (1894).

(*c*) In Studies of third year: Ding Cing Seng.

(*d*) In Studies of fourth year: Li Gi Chiong (1894).

6.—*Who have been Discontinued?*

Ching Yuen Kwai, Ding Siu Ching.

7.—*Who have been Admitted into full Membership?*

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year: Cüng Daik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Uong Huong Sing, Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Hö Dieu Ieu, Ling Ching Mi.

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

8—*What Members are in studies of third year?*

(*a*) Admitted into full membership this year: Cüng Daik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Uong Huong Sing, Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong Ciong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Hö Dieu Ieu.

(*b*) Admitted into full membership previously. None.

9.—*What Members are in studies of fourth year?*

Ding Giu U, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ü Seuk Hu, Ding Bö Cing, Saeng Ngük Chung (1894), *Ling Heng Tung, *Ling Ui Sieng, *Ling Hung Chö, *Tiang Siong Hui, *Ü Siu Ling, *Ung Seng Chuang, *Ding Daing Dieu, *Li Guong Sieu.

10.—*What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Elders this year: Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong.

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

11.—*What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(*a*) As Local Preachers: Ling Hai Lang, Ngu Ka Ing, Cio Ko Cu.

12.—*What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(*a*) As Local Deacons: Li Sieu Hieng, Ding Do Ceng, Tiang Ciong Chaiu.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule. None.

13.—*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

Yes as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14.—*Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?*

None.

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* Passed in Conference Course of Study.

15.—*Who have Died?*

Nathan Sites, Ding Cing Guong, Sia Lieng Li.

16.—*Who have been Located at their own Request?*

Ling Saeng Lai.

17.—*Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19.—*Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20.—*Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21.—*What other personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

None.

23.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Hü Sing Mi, Sia Heng Tö.

24.—*Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

See Discipline ¶ 261.

25.—*What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

See Statistical Tables.

26.—*What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

Mexicans $445.90.

27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

Mexicans $258.15.

28.—*What has been Received on these claims, and how has it been Applied?*

$486 Gold, and Mexicans $171.79. See Stewards' Report.

29.—*Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See List of Appointments.

30.—*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Hinghua City.

VIII. JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

First Day, Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 1895.

Opening.—The Nineteenth Session of the Foochow Conference convened at Tieng Ang Dong, Tuesday, November 19th, 1895, at 8.30 A.M. Bishop J. M. Walden took the chair, a hymn was sung and Huong Pau Seng read the 52nd chapter of Isaiah and the 3rd chapter of Ephesians. The Bishop then gave an exceedingly helpful and impressive discourse on the value of this service to all who participate in it, after which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered with the aid of the Presiding Elders.

Roll Call.—The Conference was then called to order and the roll was called by last year's Secretary.

Election of Officers.—The following elections were then effected by a show of hands.

N. J. Plumb, - - -	English Secretary.
Uong Di Gi, - - -	Chinese ,,
Ceng Ung Uong - - -	Assistant Chinese Secretary.
G. S. Miner, - - -	Statistical Secretary.
Ding Daing Dieu, - -	Assistant Statistical Secretary.
J. H. Worley, - - -	Interpreter.
W. H. Lacy, - - -	Treasurer.

Hours and Bar.—On motion the time for holding the Sessions of the Conference was fixed at from 8.30 to 12 o'clock each forenoon, and the Bar of the Conference was made to include the seats on the right side back to the gallery.

Reception of Delegates.—On motion 10.30 a.m. on Saturday was made the time for the reception of Fraternal Delegates.

Standing Committees.—The Bishop asked whether it was our custom that the Presiding Elders be made a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees to be presented at to-morrow's session, and on motion it was so ordered.

Visiting Members.—At this point Rev. W. C. Longden, Superintendent of the Central China Mission, and Rev. Spencer Lewis, Superintendent of the West China Mission, were introduced to the Conference and on motion of W. H. Lacy, they were accorded seats within the bar of the Conference, it being understood that this action include Bro. Ohlinger also.

Constitutional Questions.—The Bishop then announced that there were some constitutional questions to be considered by the Conference and on motion Saturday morning, immediately after the opening Service was fixed as the time for voting on them.

Election of Delegates.—On motion 11 o'clock on Friday was made the time for the election of General Conference Delegates.

Printing Reports.—On motion of W. N. Brewster the Chairmen of the Standing Committees were ordered to have the reports of their Committees printed and distributed one day before they are presented to the Conference for adoption.

Standing Committees.—On motion the Standing Committees of last year were made the same for this year.

Committees Ordered.—On motion the Committee of Presiding Elders on Standing Committees, were also ordered to report a Committee to examine the course of study pursued by the members of the Central China Mission whose names are on our roll, also to name persons to prepare memorial papers for the members of Conference who have died during the year.

Book Concern Dividend.—The Bishop here announced that the Book concern dividend to this Conference was $486. gold, and on motion a draft was ordered for this amount.

Bishop's Address.—The short time which remained before the hour of adjournment was occupied by the Bishop in a brief address to the Conference concerning his visit here.

Adjournment.—The announcements were then made and the conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Second Day, Wednesday, Nov. 20th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Walden in the chair. The first half hour of the session was devoted to religious services conducted by Ung Seng Chuang.

The 63rd hymn was sung and prayer offered by the leader. The 16th chapter of John was read and prayer offered by Ling Ming Ciong.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop then addressed the conference on the subject of public worship in the churches, strongly urging that the form given in the Discipline be strictly observed.

Reading of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read in both English and Chinese, and after some corrections approved.

The names of those who were absent at yesterday's session were called and many of them responded, their absence being accounted for by the conference having been opened one day earlier than the appointed time. The Bishop explained that the absence of Brother Smyth, was owing to his having accompanied Dr. Gregory to the Steamer at Pagoda Anchorage; he had had a severe chill just as he was leaving for the U. S. and his condition was such that he needed some one to go with him thus far.

Standing Committees.—N. J. Plumb reported the Standing Committees which after some changes and additions were elected. (See Page 8.)

Memorial Services.—On motion the hour of 7.30 Saturday evening was fixed for the memorial services of deceased members of

the Conference; this hour of service also to be a session of the Conference.

Publishing Conference Minutes.—On motion of W. H. Lacy, the English and Chinese Secretaries, and Superintendent of the Press were appointed a committee to publish the Conference minutes.

Introductions.—The Rev. F. Ohlinger of the Central German Conference, and the Rev. Ding Song Leng of the Presbyterian Church of Amoy, were introduced to the Conference.

The Thirteenth Question.—*Was the character of each preacher examined?* was taken up and the name of Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder of the Buo-dieng district, was called, his character passed and he gave an encouraging report of his work.

The name of Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder of the Hai-tang district, was called and his character passed and he represented his district.

The name of N. J. Plumb, Presiding Elder of the Hok-chiang district, was called, his character passed and he presented his report. The name of Iong Daik Cheu, Presiding Elder of the Ing-chung district, was called, his character passed and he reported his district.

Adjournment.—The Bishop then requested the Standing Committees to meet in the Church at 1.30 P.M. and organize. The session then closed by expiration of time; a verse of the hymn commencing "Oh how happy are they who their Savior obey" was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Third Day, Thursday, Nov. 21st, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M., the Bishop in the chair, and greatly enjoyed a precious season of prayer, after which Bishop Walden gave a very interesting and instructive address on the subject of the work of the Epworth League and its great importance

as an institution of the Methodist Church especially in educating and utilizing our young people and urged that we strictly adhere to the peculiar institutions and methods of our own church.

The minutes of the previous session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Thirteenth Question.—The 13th question was then resumed and the name of J. H. Worley Presiding Elder of the Foochow District was called, his character passed and he represented his district.

The name of Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District was called his character passed and he represented his district.

The name of Lau Guang Hüng, Presiding Elder of the Ming-chiang District, who took the place assigned to Dr. Sites at the last Conference, was called, his character passed and he represented the district.

The name of Ling Ming Ciong, Presiding Elder of the Sieng-iu District, was called, his character passed and he reported his district.

The Fifth Question.—The members on trial in the second, third and fourth years studies were called forward as follows: Cŏ Kong Ching; Dong Sieng Nguong, Ciong Hok Chü, Ding Cing Seng, Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Huong Sing, Cüng Daik Ming, Li Gi Chiong, also Ding Siu Ching and Ding Be Dak, who were not examined last year, and the Bishop briefly addressed them.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. The names of the following effective Elders were called and their characters passed after which they briefly reported their work. Ling Ming Sang, Ding Nik Sing, Ling Cing Cieng, Hü Caik Hang, Saeng Hok Lieng, Hü Bo Mi, Dang Seng Ling, Iek Ing Guang, Sia Sek Ong, W. H. Lacy, G. S. Miner, G. B. Smyth, Sia Heng Tǫ, Ciong Daik Liong, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Huong Daik Chiong, Ngoi Gi Lang, U Sieu E, Sie Seng Cang.

Superannuates.—When the name of Sia Heng Tŏ was called he made a few remarks, stating that owing to his very poor health he felt obliged to ask for a superannuate relation, which on motion of G. B. Smyth was granted.

Conference Relations Committee.—The various classes of preachers on trial, including those expecting to enter the Conference, were instructed to report themselves to the Committee on Conference Relations for examination before their names were brought up in Conference. A verse was sung and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Fourth Day, Friday Nov. 22nd 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at the appointed hour Bishop Walden in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by Tiang Ngük Chiu after which the Bishop gave a very excellent address on the subject of Sunday Schools and the instruction of the children.

The Bishop called on the elders to report their missionary collections, this having been omitted yesterday.

The Thirteenth Question.—The name of M. C. Wilcox, Presiding Elder of the Ku-cheng District, was called and his character passed. He was absent owing to illness, and his report of the district was read in Chinese by Ding Hiong Ching.

Sia Sek Ong.—Dr. Sia Sek Ong, occupied a few moments in speaking of his health, requesting the Conference to consider his case and fix his relation, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for future report.

The Bishop here referred to our consideration of those members

of the Central China Mission whose names are on our list, urging that we treat them the same as though they were working in the Conference.

E. R. Jellison.—The name of E. R. Jellison, M.D., was taken up. The Bishop stated that his character had been passed by the Central China Mission and further explained that he had completed only the course of study for a Missionary in learning the Mandarin language and not any Conference course of study, and on motion of G. B. Smyth he was continued on trial.

The Fourth Question.—The names of the candidates for admission into full connection were called and they retired in a body while their cases were considered.

They were then taken up individually and the following persons having passed in their studies were recommended to be received into full connection after they shall have answered the Disciplinary Questions: Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Ciong Hok Cu, Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Huong Sing, Cüng Daik Ming, Ding Be Dak.

Ding Cing Seng, Li Gi Chiong and Ding Sia Ching not having been recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations were on motion continued on trial.

Order of the day.—The time fixed for the election of General Conference Delegates having arrived, on motion of N. J. Plumb the order of the day was postponed and the time extended in order to complete the examination of this class and the asking of the Disciplinary Questions by the Bishop.

They were then admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons orders.

Order of the day postponed.—On motion the order of the day for considering constitutional questions was postponed until Monday,

that they might be translated and printed before being acted upon, and the time for the election of General Conference Delegates was fixed for to-morrow morning after the reading of the minutes.

Adjournment.—The announcements were made and the Bishop made a few remarks concerning the departure of Dr. Gregory, after which on motion the Conference adjourned with one verse of a hymn, and the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Fifth Day, Saturday Nov. 23rd, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8:30 A.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ling Ching Mi.

J. H. Worley, the Interpreter, being ill, the Bishop asked the Secretary N. J. Plumb, to act as Interpreter, and G. B. Smyth was then elected Assistant Secretary to take N. J. Plumb's place.

The Bishop gave a very instructive address on the place of spiritual singing in the life of the Church, and said that he regretted the absence from our Chinese Hymn Book of most of the hymns which express the highest religious experiences, particularly those concerning perfect love.

G. B. Smyth then read the English minutes of the previous session, and the Chinese Secretary read the Chinese minutes and they were approved.

The order of the day was taken up and the Conference proceeded to elect a delegate to General Conference. After remarks by N. J. Plumb, Sia Heng Tö and G. B. Smyth, the Bishop appointed Iek Ing Guang and Hü Caik Hang tellers.

On the second ballot M. C. Wilcox was elected.

The vote was then taken for reserve delegate but the result was not announced.

Reception of Fraternal Delegates.—While the tellers were counting the votes for reserve delegate the order of the day was taken up and the fraternal delegates were introduced.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. J. E. Walker, Rev. C. Hartwell, and the Pastor of Geu Cio Dong, for the American Board Mission; by Rev. W. C. Longden, Superintendent of the Central China Mission; by Rev. Spencer Lewis, Superintendent of the West China Mission; and by the Pastor of the English Presbyterian Church at Ciong Ciu. On motion it was decided to hold a session in the afternoon.

After singing the Doxology the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Rev. Mr. Hartwell.

Afternoon Session, November 23rd, 1895.

The Conference met at 2 P.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Saeng Hok Lieng.

The results of the ballot for Reserve Delegate, taken in the forenoon session, showed that no one had a majority and another ballot was ordered. On the 4th ballot W. H. Lacy was elected.

The Tenth Question.—The following brethren, their characters having been passed, were elected to Elder's orders:—Ling Mi Ing, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong. Saëng Ngük Chung was ordered to remain a Deacon another year. There was no fault with this brother, he had passed his examinations, and the vote to keep him a Deacon another year was taken only because he was ill and unable to be present at the Conference.

The Thirtieth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held, was called. Foochow and Hinghua were put in nomination and Hinghua was selected.

The Eleventh Question.--What others have been elected and ordained Deacons was called and the following were elected as Local Deacons: Ling Hia Lang, Ngu Ga Ing, Cio Ko Cü.

The Twelfth Question.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders, was called. The following were elected as Local Elders : Li Sieu Hieng, Ding Dọ Ceng, Tiang Ciong Chaiu. They were addressed by the Bishop.

The Tenth Question.--Under the 10th question, what traveling preachers have been elected Deacons? the name of Ho Dieu Iu was called, and his character passed, and after due recommendation he was elected to Deacon's orders.

The Seventh Question.--Under the 7th question, who have been admitted into full membership, Ho Dieu Iu was admitted.

Recess.--At 3.30 the Conference took a recess to have its picture taken.

At 4.30 it met again and the Bishop addressed the candidates for Local Deacon's and Elder's orders.

At 5 o'clock the Conference closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

Evening Session, Saturday, Nov. 23rd 1895.

The Conference met at 7.30 P.M. the Bishop in the chair. After the opening exercises the Bishop called N. J. Plumb to the chair. The session was called to listen to memorial addresses on the Rev. N. Sites, D.D., Rev. Sia Lieng Li, and Rev. Ding Cing Guong, who had died since the last Conference. After the devotional exercises, which were conducted by Hü Bö Mi and U Sëük Hu, Hü Bö Mi spoke of Dr. Sites, Ngoi Gi Lang of Sia Lieng Li, and Li Kö Ding of Ding Cing Guong.

The session closed with the benediction by N. J. Plumb.

Sixth Day, Monday, Nov. 25th 1895.

Opening.--The Conference met at 8.30 A.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ling Hung Cho. At 9 o'clock the Bishop addressed the conference on the Conference Course of Study.

Consul J. C. Hixson.--After the Bishop's address Hon. J. C. Hixson, U. S. Consul, was introduced and made a very interesting and encouraging address, to which the Bishop responded in behalf of the Conference.

Resolutions.--The following Resolutions were then presented by W. N. Brewster and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved.--That we esteem the services of Consul Hixson, ever since his arrival in Foochow, and especially during the past few months as of the most efficient and valuable character. His active and wise administration of his responsible office in these times of trouble has been without superior in the consular service of his country. He shall ever receive our hearty gratitude and our most cordial co-operation in all his plans for our highest welfare.

Introduction.--The Rev. Mr. Tsi, pastor of the M. E. Church South at Shanghai, was introduced to the Conference.

The Minutes of the previous session were then read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Fifth Question.--Under the 5th question, *Who have been continued on trial?* the name of Ding Ching Seng was called, but he was not present to report his work and not having been examined he was continued in the studies of the 3rd year.

Li Gi Cniong reported his work. His character was passed but not having passed a satisfactory examination he remains in the studies of the fourth year. Tieng Iu Ming, Hu Chi Ping, Wu Tek Yuen, were passed in character upon the recommendation of the Central China Mission and were advanced to the 2nd years studies and remain on

trial. Tsai Tek Kao and Wang Siao Shan of the Central China Mission were passed in character and continued in the studies of the 1st year.

Cheng Yung Kuai on the recommendation of the Central China Mission was discontinued as a traveling preacher. The character of Ralph O. Irish was passed and he was continued in the studies of the second year. The name of Li Gi Chiong was called but not having been examined in all the books he remains in the 4th year's studies. Uong Hung Ngüng, Uong Gi Uong, Ho Ik Ngüng, Diong Giu Hua, Diong Hok Gi, Ling Dieu Gek, Dong Cing Ka, Li Kö Ding, having passed in their studies were advanced to the studies of the second year, and having passed in character they were continued on trial.

Ding Siu Ching was discontinued.

The Reception of the Woman's Conference.—The order of the day was then taken up at 11 o'clock and the Woman's Conference was formally received. Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson presented her report of the Girl's Boarding School at Foochow, which was read by the Chinese Secretary.

Mrs. W. H. Lacy presented and read the report of the Orphanage.

Mrs. G. S. Miner's report of Day School work was read by Mrs. Iek King Hok. The report of Bible-women by Miss S. M. Bosworth was read by Sia Tieng Ang.

The report of Drs. M. E. Carleton and L. M. Masters was read by the Chinese Secretary.

Dr. E. M. Lyon's report was presented and read by the Chinese Secretary. Miss Peters read her report of the Woman's and Girl's work in Ming-chiang District and it was interpreted by Dr. Hü King Eng.

Miss Mabel C. Allen's report of Womans work in Hok-chiang District was read by the Secretary of the Woman's Conference.

Time extended.—As the time was about to expire, on motion it was extended to complete the hearing of these reports, and it was

decided to hold another session at 7.30 P.M. Miss L. A. Wilkinson then read her report of School work in the Hai-tang District.

Miss Wilson's report of work in the Buo-dieng and Sieng-iu Districts was read by the Chinese Secretary.

Mrs. Brewster read her report of Woman's and Girls' work in the Buo-dieng and Ing-chung Districts.

Miss Rouse reported her work in the Ku-cheng and Iong bing Districts.

Certificate of Ordination.—The following certificate of ordination was presented by the Bishop.

This certifies that in Foochow, on November 24th, 1895, I ordained the following as DEACONS in the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Cung Daik Ming, Song Hok Ming, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Hong Sing, Cö Kong Ching, Dong Sieng Nguong, Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Be Dak, Ho Dieu Ieu, Ling Hai Lang, Ngu Ga Ing, Cio Ko Cu.

And at the same place and time I, assisted by a number of Elders present, ordained the following as ELDERS in the same Church:

Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Tiang Ngük Ceü, Uong Di Gi, Siek Sek Diong, Li Sieu Hieng, Ding Do Ceng, Tiang Chiong Chaiu.

Given under my hand this twenty-fifth day of November, A. D. 1895.

JOHN M. WALDEN.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Monday Evening, November, 25th 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 7 P.M. The Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ling Ming Ciong. The Minutes, English and Chinese, were read and approved.

Nomination of Standing Committees.— On motion of G. S. Miner, the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate the Standing Committees for the Conference of 1896, before the close of the present Conference, so that reports may be prepared and ready for presentation by the opening of the next Conference.

Central Press.—The Bishop called attention to the fact that at the last Conference a Committee was appointed to correspond with Committees appointed by the Methodist Missions in China on the question of a Central Mission Press and W. N. Brewster reported that though there had been much correspondence no formal report was ready, and the Committee, consisting of W. H. Lacy, G. B. Smyth, W. N Brewster, N. J. Plumb and J. H. Worley was reappointed.

Fraternal Delegates.—The Rev. Sü Cü Ga, Fraternal Delegate of the Southern Methodist Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference. A fraternal letter from Rev. A. P. Parker, D,D., of the Southern Methodist Mission, was read by N. J. Plumb.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Self Support was presented by W. N. Brewster, and read by Ding Iok Nguong.

Remarks were made by the following brethren:—Li Diong Cui, Huong Pau Seng, W. N. Brewster, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Ga Sing, G. S. Miner, Sie Sing Cang, Daing Gieng Ing, Ling Ming Ciong, N. J. Plumb, Ceng Ung Uong, and Iek Ing Guang. The Bishop then spoke on the absolute necessity of advancing self support in the native Church, since otherwise in a few years, it would find itself without any support.

Adjournment.—As the hour was late G. S. Miner moved an adjournment, action on the report still pending. The Conference then adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

Seventh Day, Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M., Bishop Walden in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ding Daing Dieu. The Bishop then addressed the Conference on the necessity of ministers reading, calling special attention to the study of the Bible the Discipline and the Hymnal. The minutes of the preceeding session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Thirteenth Question.—Was again taken up and the following persons having passed in character reported their missionary money.

Uong Guok Hing, Song Guong Huo, Diong Sëük Buo, Pang Ding Hie, Diong Ming Dung, Ling Seu Ing, Ding Seu Kürg, Ding Iok Nguong, Ding Dai Liong, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hüng, Li Nga Hung, Ding Ga Sing, Ding Soi Ling. Cheng Chong Ming and Ling Seng Eu were passed in character but were absent on account of sickness. A letter from R. L. McNabb, who is absent in the United States, was read by N. J. Plumb.

The Ninth Question.—Was taken up and the characters of the following persons were passed and they were advanced to the fourth years studies: Ding Giu U, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Bo Cing.

The following having passed in the 4th years studies will be entitled to Elder's orders without examination:

Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Cho, Tiang Siong Hui, U Siu Ling, Li Guong Siu, Ung Seng Chuang, Ding Daing Dieu. Ling Ching Mi, having passed in the studies of the 3rd and 4th years, is entitled to Elder's orders in two years. Saeng Nguk Chung not having been examined is contiuued in the studies of the 4th year.

The name of U Seuk Hu was called, and there being some complaints against him his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Delegates to Woman's Conference.—G. S Miner and Ding Ung Tiu were appointed fraternal delegates to the Woman's Conference.

The name of Ling Saeng Lai was called and he having requested a location his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Committee on Resolutions.—The Presiding Elders were on motion requested to nominate a Committee on Resolutions and Fraternal Communications. The Rev. W. C. Longden, Superintendent of the Central China Mission was introduced and spoke a few farewell words to the Conference.

Introductions.—Miss Althea Todd, Miss Wells, Miss Linam and Miss Dr. Donahue, recent arrivals, were introduced to the Conference.

Adjournment.—The announcements were then made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by W. C. Longden.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 26th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 7 P.M. the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Ngoi Gi Lang.

The Minutes, English and Chinese, were read and approved.

N. J. Plumb read the report of the Committee nominating the Standing Committee for the Conference of 1896. (See Committees.)

Committee on Resolutions.—G. S. Miner, W. N. Brewster, and N. J. Plumb were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

The Bishop made the following appointment.

To Preach Conference Sermon.—Huong Pau Seng; Alternate, Ceng Ung Uong.

The Fourth Question.—*Who have been received on trial?* was taken up. The Central China Mission recommended for admission Huang Tsz Sing and Chang Shuh Liang and they were admitted. The Candidates for admission on trial were then called and addressed by the Bishop. The following having passed the examinations, and being reported on by their Presiding Elders and the Committee on Conference Relations, were admitted:—Sia Tieng Ang, Saeng Bang Ciong, Ngu Ing Gi, Ding Tieng Pui, Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Ngük Ciong, Uong Deng Huong, Uong Hong Siong, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Kọ Ding, Ung Hong Ciu.

The Presiding Elders were authorized to employ Huong Bọ Seng, Ding Siu Ing, and Kuoh Ciong Hu, who were not admitted on trial.

The Conference then adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

Eighth Day, Wednesday, Nov. 27th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 A.M. the Bishop in the chair, the religious exercises being conducted by Huong Pau Seng. The Bishop spoke on the subject of full salvation through the blood of Christ. The Minutes, English and Chinese, were then read and approved.

The Bishop then requested N. J. Plumb to take the chair.

The report of the Committee on Self Support was again taken up and W. N. Brewster moved a substitute for the last section of the

Report submitted at Monday Evening's Session. The Report as thus amended was then adopted. (See Reports).

The Bishop now returned and took the chair.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Education was presented by G. S. Miner, and read by Hü Caik Hang. It was very thoroughly discussed. W. N. Brewster moved as an addition to the report that in the districts in which the Foochow Dialect is not spoken the local Committee may substitute classical books for the Foochow Colloquial: Carried. It was also resolved on motion of Rev. W. N. Brewster, that at the opening of the Day Schools each morning a portion of Scripture be read and prayer offered. The Report as amended was then adopted. On motion it was resolved to hold a session of Conference at 3 P.M. to-day.

The Twenty Second Question.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* was taken up, and Ling Sëng Lai was granted a location at his own request.

The Twenty Third Question.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* was asked, and it was voted to continue Hü Sing Mi in the Superannuated relation.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 27th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 3 P.M., the Bishop in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Hü Caik Hang. The Minutes, English and Chinese were read and approved.

Memorials.—W. H. Lacy and Hü Bö Mi were appointed a Committee to prepare a memoir of Rev. N. Sites, D.D.; W. N.

Brewster and Li Kǫ Ding were appointed a Committee to prepare a memoir of Ding Cing Guong; N. J. Plumb and Ngoi Gi Lang were appointed a Committee to prepare a memoir on Sia Lieng Li. Copies of these memorials were ordered to be forwarded to the Publishing Committee in New York.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Jesse Newman from the Wisconsin Conference to the Foochow Conference. He is a probationers of the first year, and is to work in Central China.

Hu Chi Pin was transferred from the German Conference to the Foochow Conference, and is to work in Central China.

U Seuk Hu.—G. B. Smyth, Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations, reported that Ü Süĕk Hu had acknowledged his fault in the presence of his Presiding Elder Lau Guang Hung, and harmony being restored, recommended that his character be passed and this was done.

The Kingsley Memorial.—The Bishop suggested that the Kingsley Memorial Tablet which has been here a long time, be sent to the Alleghany College, where Bishop Kingsley studied and taught, and on motion G. S. Miner, a graduate of that College, was appointed a Committee to send it there.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

The Nomination of the Conference Board of Deaconesses was referred by motion to the Presiding Elders.

Enabling Act.—The Conference voted to ask the General Conference for an Enabling Act for a Central Mission Conference in China.

Episcopal Residence.—It also voted to ask the General Conference for an Episcopal Residence in China, and for the appointment of a General Superintendent to reside at Shanghai.

Reports.—The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read and adopted.

The Bishop at this point requested N. J. Plumb to take the chair.

The Rev. F. Ohlinger of the Central German Conference was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction by M. C. Wilcox.

Ninth Day, Thursday, Nov. 28th, 1895.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30, N. J. Plumb in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Dang Seng Ling. After the religious exercises the Bishop took the chair, and the Minutes, English and Chinese, were read and approved.

The Fourth Question.—Was taken up, and Ding Nik Ong was received on trial, he having been examined at the Sieng-iu District Conference.

Board of Deaconesses.—The nominations for the Conference Board of Deaconesses were read by N. J. Plumb, and the report was adopted. (See Conference Boards).

Preachers Aid Society.—The terms of W. H. Lacy, J. H. Worley and Hü Caik Hang as members of the Board of Trustees of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society having expired there was a new election, and N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, and Hü Chaik Hang were elected.

The Report of the Foochow Theological School, prepared by J. H. Worley, was read by N. J. Plumb.

Constitutional Amendments.— The propositions concerning changes in the Discipline, to be submitted to the General Conference, were read by the Chinese Secretary. The Bishop explained that the Baltimore proposition did not involve a change in the restrictive rule, but in its interpretation. The Baltimore proposition was voted on and the result was 49 in favor, none opposed.

Voting on the Colorado proposition was postponed indefinitely. The proposition for a change in the proportion of representation of the General Conference was voted on viz: that it be 1 in 65, instead of 1 in 45. The vote was 51 in favor, and none opposed.

It was voted to grant all members of the Conference who were not present when the above two votes were taken the right to have their votes recorded within this session.

Reports.—The Report of the Hinghua Biblical School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Kucheng Boy's Boarding School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Anglo-Chinese College was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Hok-chiang Boy's Boarding School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Hinghua Boy's Boarding School was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Conference Treasurer, W. H. Lacy, was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Board of Conference Stewards was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of W. H. Lacy, Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society, was read and adopted. (See Reports).

The Report of the Statistical Secretary, G. S. Miner, was read and adopted. (See Statistics).

Hinghua Mission Conference.—The following resolution asking the General Conference for an Enabling Act for organizing a Hinghua Mission Conference was read and adopted.

Resolved, that we hereby memorialize the General Conference to pass an Enabling Act for organizing a Hinghua Mission Conference at any time during the next quadrennium, when it is approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Foochow Conference present and voting, and has the consent of the presiding Bishop.

W. N. BREWSTER.

Medical College.—Resolutions thanking Moses C. White, M.D. of New Haven, U. S. A. for his efforts to establish a Medical College at Foochow, were adopted. Resolutions were passed instructing M. C. Wilcox, the Delegate to General Conference, to bring to the attention of the Missionary Society and the Church at large the importance of having a properly equipped Medical School at Foochow.

Rev. Nathan Sites, D.D.—The following resolutions in memory of the late N. Sites, D.D., were read by the Chinese Secretary, and adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, that in the death of Dr. Sites, the senior Missionary of our Conference, we realize that we have lost one whose place we can not fill. We miss his wise counsel the fruit of his long and varied experience in Mission work. We miss his remarkable command of this language, as interpreter and preacher. We miss his kindly spirit which always made for peace and good fellowship. We miss him as a friend and brother of every member of the Conference.

We sympathize with his bereaved wife and children in the Home land, whose grief we would gladly seek to relieve by reminding them that his life on earth was finished amidst the people for whom and among whom it had been spent; and it is fitting that his dust should rest here among them.

His monument is in the scores of churches he has established and thousands he has led to Christ and built up in the most holy Faith during the 35 years of his service in China. Such lives never cease to live, though the body dies. His life has set forces to work that will make for the regeneration of China for centuries to come.

We deeply sympathize with our brethren of the Ming-chiang district in the loss of their Presiding Elder, who was leading them, under God's blessing, to such glorious victories. We will pray that this loss may be overcome by a double portion of God's Spirit descending upon his successor, and upon the pastors and people.

We extend to his family and friends in America our deepest sympathy and most earnest prayers.

Appointments.—The Conference by vote, requested the Bishop to appoint Geo. B. Smyth, Editor of the "Fokien Christian Advocate," (Ming Seng Huoi Bo) and Sia Sek Ong Associate Editor. He was also requested to appoint W. H. Lacy, Superintendent of the Mission Press.

Reports.—The Report of the Mission Press was read and adopted.

Hua-sang Massacre.—The Committee on Resolutions reported resolutions concerning the Hua-sang massacre, and expressions of sympathy for the relatives of the victims, and the societies which they served, and they were adopted by a rising vote.

Fraternal Delegates.—Resolutions of greeting to the Central India Conference were passed, and M. C. Wilcox and W. H. Lacy, Delegate and Reserve Delegate respectively to the General Conference, were appointed fraternal delegates.

Official Minutes.—A resolution was passed, making the printed minutes the official minutes.

J. J. Gregory, M.D.—Resolutions in commendation of the work of J. J. Gregory, M.D., were passed as follows by a rising vote.

Resolved, that we regard the services of Dr. Gregory in connection with rescuing the survivors of the Hua-sang Massacre as the work of a brave and skilful man, deserving of our lasting remembrance and gratitude.

We will pray for him, that he may have a safe voyage and speedy reunion with his family in America.

Wherever may be his field of labor in the future, the services he has rendered to Christianity in this province in the tens of thousands he has relieved of suffering during these seven years of service, the admirable Hospital he has built, the medical work in Kucheng, and his services in connection with the sad catastrophe at Hua-sang will remain as lasting monuments to his skill, industry, fidelity and bravery.

Committee.—The following were appointed a Committee to prepare the Conference program for the next Conference :—The resident missionaries at Hinghua, the Presiding Elder of the Buo-dieng District, and the Pastor of the Hinghua City Church.

Fraternal Delegates.--The following fraternal delegates were appointed, viz:

To the American Board Mission: G. S. Miner, Hü Bö Mi.

To the Anglican Mission: J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong.

To the Southern M. E. Mission: N. J. Plumb.

To the Central China M. E. Mission: Geo. B. Smyth.

To the Presbyterian Missions at Amoy: W. N. Brewster, Iong Daik Cheu.

J. H. Worley was appointed to write a fraternal letter to the West China Mission.

Geo. B. Smyth and Sia Sek Ong were appointed to write to Dr. S. L. Baldwin and Bishop Andrews.

The Rev. Spencer Lewis, Superintendent of the West China Mission, was introduced, and spoke a few farewell words to the Conference.

Geo. B. Smyth, Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations, reported on the case of Ding Siu Cing who was thereupon discontinued.

Presentation.--Iek Ing Guang, on behalf of the Conference, presented the Bishop a satin scroll, and a miniature silver model of a fisherman, in evidence of the high regard in which we held him and the great satisfaction his administration had given us.

Reports.—Geo. B. Smyth was authorized to publish in the minutes the report of the Foochow Boy's Boarding School, which, owing to unavoidable difficulties, was not yet prepared.

J. H. Worley, Geo. B. Smyth, the Pastor of Tieng Ang Dong, W. N. Brewster and G. S. Miner, were appointed a Committee to receive the report on industries.

On motion of Uong Di Gi the Presiding Elders and others who had not handed in their reports were ordered to do so.

Committees.—The names of the Examining Committees were read and approved. (See Committees).

Hü Bŏ Mi and Ding Ga Sing were appointed a Committee to visit the Hinghua Bible Training School.

N. J. Plumb, Geo. B. Smyth, and Uong Di Gi, were appointed a Committee to examine the Medical Students at the Woman's Hospital.

Huong Pau Seng, Ding Ung Tiu, and Hü Caik Hang were appointed a Committee to attend the examinations at the Anglo-Chinese College.

Missionary Sermon.—Hü Caik Hang was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next Conference, with Sick Sek Diong as alternate.

A vote was passed expressing the pleasure of the Conference at the presence of the Rev. F. Ohlinger.

Resolutions.—The following resolutions concerning Bishop Walden were passed by a rising vote:

1.—Resolved, that we deem ourselves most highly favored in being permitted to have Bishop Walden as our Presiding Bishop.

His talks on various phases of our work as Pastors and Missionaries each morning have been eminently wise, timely, and practical.

His interpretation of legal points has been clear and judicial.

His difficult work in the fixing of the appointments has been marked by kindliness of spirit, breadth of vision, a clear grasp of the situation in all its relations, and a wise caution which we believe will result in the highest success of our work during the ensuing year.

2.—Resolved, that we bespeak for him and Mrs. Walden, Miss Walden and Miss Goff a safe journey to America and a profitable visit to India and the Holy Land; that we will follow them with grateful remembrances and fervent prayers; and that we hope he will be able again to visit China in the future.

N. J. PLUMB.
W. N. BREWSTER. } *Committee on Resolutions.*
G. S. MINER.

Deaconesses.—It was voted to recognize Miss Althea M. Todd and Miss Allie Linam as Deaconesses on presentation of the proper credentials.

Memoirs.—The memoirs of Sia Lieng Li and Ding Cing Guong, were presented by the Committee on Memorials.

Adjournment.—The 165th hymn was then sung, prayer was offered by Ling Ming Ciong, the appointments were read and after the singing of the 1st verse of the 104th hymn the Conference adjourned *sine die* with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

J. M. WALDEN,
President.

N. J. PLUMB,
Secretary.

IX. REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, P.E.

OUR large, growing educational, publishing, hospital and dispensary work at Foochow are centers of light and Christian influence. They are the pride as well as the hope of the Church. A report of each will be made by the person in charge.

Every circuit has made a good healthy advance in members, self-support and spirituality; and about a hundred new preaching places have been opened during the year. Our plan has been to establish boy's day schools and thereby pave the way for other forms of Christian work. The preachers and assistant pastors visit the schools during the week, catechise the boys and make the acquaintance of their parents, who because of our interest in their children are favorably disposed toward us and the "strange doctrine." In Foochow and vicinity the students of the Theological school have found abundant opportunity for work in these schools. The Chinese honor learning and earnestly desire their sons to reap its benefits, but the vast mass of the people on account of poverty and the absence of a tax for the support of schools, are unable to educate their sons; so we touch a tender chord in their hearts and prepare the way for the triumphal entrance of the Gospel. There are one hundred and thirteen schools with an attendance of nearly four thousand pupils, who during the week study Christian books, geography, &c., and attend religious services on Sundays.

Great credit is due Bro. Miner who superintends nearly two-thirds of these schools, which are supported wholly by special gifts. In fact, all the evangelistic work on the district is carried on with

special gifts. We have numbers of warm supporters who help us not only with their means, but by their prayers. These friends receiving regular reports of the work have become generous supports of the great cause. A tender tie already exists between them and the native Christians and workers who are benefitted by their gifts.

The heathen Sunday School at Cing Sing Dong under the direction of Bro. and Sister Lacy and Miss Bosworth overflows the inner and outer chapels and spreads its leavening influence throughout the whole neighborhood. Much good has already been accomplished and great ingatherings may be expected in the future.

Our stereopticon and traveling dispensary have fully demonstrated that we must be all things to all men and sow beside all waters if we would fulfill our ministry in the highest degree. We are His witnesses; but witnessing for Christ is more than verbal testimony. We are to be like Him who went about doing good. These methods of evangelistic work have proven especially useful in opening new work and fortifying those places where we have established schools.

During the summer vacation twenty students from the Theological school were under appointment on the district. Six of them together with a colporteur, doctor and stereopticon entered the county of Duai Hu where no religious work had ever been done. They spent about two months in the country and met with much encouragement. The county magistrate entertained them at his home and gave them every attention; and when they came away sent a cordial invitation for me to visit him. Several people gave their names as inquirers and regularly attended meeting for Bible study and prayer. These as well as all our workers report a great change for the better in the attitude of the people toward Christianity.

A good substantial church with seating capacity for three hundred and fifty is nearing completion at Iek Iong. There are forty five members and two hundred and ten probationers.

Another Church building was begun at Hung Mui, but when the walls were only part way up a mob tore it down. Although the Consul has done every thing possible, no redress has been made, nor has anything been done to punish the culprits. How long before we can go on with the work no one knows. Failure on the part of the officials to settle this case has emboldened the people to persecute the Christians in various ways.

We had hoped to have completed before Conference a new Church in Foochow for the accommodation of our students. The present edifice will not seat more than half who would be glad to attend if they could find room. Several hundred day school boys can not be accommodated and no effort is made to bring in the neighbors, many of whom would be glad to attend. Last winter I sent to an architect for plans and after waiting a long time I wrote to Dr. Baldwin who made inquiry and found my letter had miscarried. The matter is now in Dr. Baldwin's hands, so we hope to have the plans in a few months and be able to complete the Church by next Conference. At a meeting last Conference under the inspiration of an address by Mrs. Mary C. Nind about $1,800 gold value was subscribed, and since, we have received considerable help from friends in America.

Only a few days ago our East Street Chapel, Foochow, together with the parsonage and all the furniture were destroyed by fire. It was a total loss as we carried no insurance. Insurance societies will not take risks in Chinese cities.

Several circuits have been blessed with gracious revivals. Our preachers are catching the revival spirit and methods. During the first Chinese month we had all our workers together for a season of prayer and Bible study. Again in the summer we held an educational convention at which all our workers received new inspiration.

Missionary Collection $132.20. Collected for Self-support $303.50, for Church building and repairs $95.

We desire to record our gratitude for God's special care over us during this last year of trial and persecution. While in other places people have passed through fiery trials we have only been annoyed here and there and our hearts have been stayed on Him who careth for us.

HAI TANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P.E.

IT is now six years since the formation of this District to which I was appointed last year. It has six circuits with 14 preaching places. The central Church is at the large market town of Tang-tau, which is the harbor and principal place of business for both the upper and lower parts of the island. Honest people are very few, while the crafty are numerous. The people are given up to money making, and very few are interested in Christianity. The seed of Gospel truth which has been sown here for many years is largely choked by the thorns of worldliness, so that but little fruit can be expected under such conditions.

The Ngieu-sëü circuit is fairly prosperous, more than 60 persons having promised to keep the Sabbath. Unfortunately the pastor has been troubled with the spitting of blood, and it is a grief to him that he has not been able to go out preaching very much. He asks us all to pray for his early recovery. The members of the Dai-ho circuit have not been harmonious for several years, and their dissensions have been known all over the island. Fortunately however, the Spirit of the Lord has moved their hearts to love each other as they schood. At the first quarterly meeting they all made confession of their sins and their differences were healed.

A class was opened at Bing Dang Giang many years ago but it was not very prosperous, this year however, the members of upward s

of ten families have given their names as probationers, and the people of the village have given the public temple as a house of worship.

The fourth quarterly meeting was held there and there were more than twenty candidates for baptism and we hope that all the people will soon become christians.

The Duai-bang circuit is doing well, and the contributions have increased somewhat. There has been but little change on the Sang-le circuit.

A preacher has been sent to the small island of Dëng Chiong to rent a chapel and preach and he has had many hearers. There has been an increase during the year of 20 members and seventy adults and children baptized and over 100 people on the island keep the Sabbath. We have seven Boy's Day Schools with one hundred and twenty pupils and also seven Girl's Day Schools, with seventy-eight pupils. May this work prosper more and more. We beg you all to pray for the work on this barren island.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

N. J. PLUMB, P.E.

IT was not without some misgivings that I accepted the appointment to this District last year by Bishop Ninde. It has a large number of appointments and has never before been under a foreign Presiding Elder.

The territory consists chiefly of a large irregular peninsula which is badly cut up by bays and inlets. There are many small islands on the coast, some of which at low water are simply parts of the main land. The numerous narrow necks of land are washed by the tides from various directions. Between the islands and along the sea shore are large level tracts, called "sea lands," submerged at high

tide, which are cultivated as regularly as farm lands, and are more valuable.

Certain kinds of shell fish (solen or bivalve) are planted and cultivated as any crop would be.

These are ancestral lands, and are disposed of to individuals on certain conditions, and may revert to the public domain whenever it becomes desirable to replenish the public treasury. The frequent attempts made to deprive Christians of all rights in these ancestral estates, because they refused to contribute to the support of idolatry, has been a most fertile cause of trouble at certain places on the District.

The village gentry have in some instances determined that Christians shall be disfranchised as far as possible, and deprived not only of these lands but of the common privilege of records of their families in the public archives. Some times the christians have been attacked, their homes broken up and they driven from the village, and in some instances such action is sustained and encouraged by the officials. The inhabitants are notably turbulent and lawless, and where feuds exist a very small thing may precipitate a battle, so that fighting between villages is very common. The seizure of individuals who are held for a ransom, and reprisals are of frequent occurrence. The christians have presented their grievances to the Magistrate but seldom during the year has a case been settled, and this adds to the difficulty of the situation.

But notwithstanding these troubles our membership has not decreased, and the contributions altogether have been in excess of last year.

On the Hok-chiang City circuit, the members at Nang-yong, have worked hard and contributed liberally towards a Church and parsonage and they now have a comfortable place of worship. The Boy's Boarding School has not been very successful owing to the employment of a poor teacher.

At Hai-kau our excellent Church property has been made more complete by the purchase of an adjoining building for school purposes. The first trouble of the year began here. The members have endured patiently many hard-ships and insults and the pastor has shown much descretion through them all.

At Ngu-cheng the pastor and assistant pastor are entirely supported by the Native Church. The congregation has quite outgrown our present church building and a new and much larger one is greatly needed. A subscription has been started and about $400 promised. An appeal for Special Aid from home has been made but as yet there has been no response. This a most worthy as well as most needy case and ought to have help soon. The new Girl's School Building and residence of the W. F. M. S. has been completed, affording ample accommodation for from 80 to 100 girls. This has not been done without much disturbance and opposition, and evil disposed persons have done great damage to the building as well as to our church and parsonage. They prowl about at night, reviling the christians and throwing stones on the roof breaking the tiles, and the windows and doors have also been badly injured. Many threats of violence have been made and recently in one village a family was attacked, one of the sons badly beaten, and the household property, cows, pigs, grain, &c., carried off. For these things thus far we have been unable to obtain redress, owing in part to the unsettled state of things in this province.

On the Sing-dong circuit, all has been peaceful and the work is prosperous. The pastor has been faithful and has done specially good Sunday School work. At Ma-hu one of the charges of this circuit a beautiful new church has been built. To this the members have given generously of their time and means and have had but little outside aid. The dedication took place at the last Quarterly Meeting.

At Liang-tau on the Siek-kŏng circuit a very cheap property was purchased and for a small sum has been transformed into a comfortable church and parsonage. Through the generous aid of friends at home the energetic and earnest young assistant pastor Ung Uong Chui, has been supported and he has had a good year, notwithstanding some persecutions.

At Hai-yeu we have the finest boy's school on the District. The Church has recently been repaired and put in good condition.

At Sang-sang a Church building is greatly needed. Funds have been subscribed, but thus far no suitable site has been found.

Tĕng-aing has a good Sunday school and the pastor, closing his full term, has done faithful work.

The Geng-giang circuit has made a good advance in pastors support, so that an assistant has been employed. The revival services I conducted here during the early part of the year were very profitable seasons.

The large island of Gong-ing has two circuits, one of which is a mission entirely supported by the preachers on the District. This local mission effort has proved very encouraging. In a short time the membership has advanced from seven to twenty-five families and they hope ere long to be able to support their own pastor, and I hope this good work will be continued.

At Ngü-ka we now have a rented place on the street and considerable interest has been shown by the shop-keepers. At Ngu-liang on this circuit a neat little Church has been built and the work is encouraging.

The work of the year on the District has not been all I had hoped for. I had planned for a series of short revival services on each charge during the first and second quarters, but this I was only able to carry out in part, and during the latter part of the year I have not been able to visit the work at all, owing to the state of things since

the Hua-sang massacre, and the general prohibition by the Consul of Missionaries from going into the country.

Miss Trimble left for home in February, and thus we have not only been deprived of a most valued worker, but some of her work has devolved upon me. Miss Allen is only getting a start in the language and of course has not been able to do very much.

There are now 13 circuits and the District Conference has urgently requested a division of the District. The greatest need is thorough persistent evangelistic work, for the quickening of the spiritual life.

Various causes conspire to bring within our folds many who require long and careful instruction. The rapacity and oppression of the officials cause many to seek any influence which gives the least promise of protection. The sick come to us for healing, the poor and the needy for shelter and comfort. These we dare not thrust from us, but must do all in our power to bring to their hearts, the search light of God's Truth, and plead for the Holy Spirit to produce in them a life of vital godliness. There is much territory where the Gospel has not as yet found a footing, and abundance of room for the extension of the work, but this cannot be done without a much larger corps of efficient workers, and these can be raised up only through earnest evangelistic efforts, vitalizing and quicking the church. This is an imperative need and any great increase in our present membership, without a thoroughly spiritual church can only add to the peril of the situation. The multiplication of men and women who have an experimental knowledge of salvation, is of far greater importance than the increase of numbers or the extension of the work. The foundations need to be carefully examined under the light of God's Holy Spirit, and the whole structure built upon the Rock Christ Jesus.

The large number of Church members and probationers who have not as yet even a glimpse of the deep and precious things of

God, is startling. Many cannot read or comprehend spiritual truths when presented to them. The trials of the past year have suggested the thought that possibly in the providence of God, a thorough test of persecution may be necessary for the purification and building up of a strong church, which shall be a fountain of light and life to the multitudes who are still "without God and without hope in the world." Let all pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, inspiring a strong and vigorous life in these weak lambs of the flock, that their faith may not fail in the day of God's visitation.

BUO-DIENG DISTRICT.

LI DIONG CUI, P.E.

I HAVE been Presiding Elder of this District for two years. I am thankful to God, that by His help, and the united efforts of the brethren working with me, the church increases day by day. There have been great changes during this year.

I notice several points in order:

1ST.—In many places this year the people have come to us, offering to provide places of worship; sometimes giving a deed for a hall or small temple, and earnestly begged us to send them a preacher.

2ND.—Our great difficulty is to find suitable men to appoint to these new places. We have had to refuse many urgent invitations. So our work this year has been chiefly in strengthening the church, rather than expanding in new places.

To do this, the Missionary, Rev. W. N. Brewster and I invited the preachers and class leaders of this district and the Sieng-iu district to hold a workers meeting, in the first month. We held revival meetings, and also meetings for instruction in how to work.

First we sought to teach the class-leaders how to work according to the rules of the Discipline; to divide the church into small classes, in each place, and the leaders report their work to the pastor once a week. We next planned with them to have contributions for self-support collected each week. These meetings lasted nearly ten days, and the preachers and people went home filled with Pentecostal power, and have worked with new zeal and efficiency ever since.

3RD.—Regarding the several circuits in particular.

There are 15 circuits and 37 preachers employed. Hinghua city has had a very prosperous year. The pastor, aided chiefly by the students of the Biblical School, has gathered in over 300 new people. The congregation has contributed for all purposes $624.87.

This is the best circuit on the district. Guang-au circuit was divided into three last year. Dĕng-sang and Dĕng-muong being set off by themselves.

The additions to the church this year are large, and contributions are increased.

We have had trouble building a church at Dĕng-nguong, which is now about settled.

The Hong-ciak, Chung-seng, and Gĕng-kau circuits have about held their own.

On the Bing-hai circuit the chapel at Siok-sing, has been looted by the soldiers, and restitution has not yet been made. Buo-hi circuit was divided last year. A new class has been opened.

Kang-baek circuit has three chapels. There is a strong desire to build a new church at one point.

Baek-gọ-lạu circuit has had trouble, and many, who were not true believers, have left the church.

Nang-nik is an island near the coast. They have had a very prosperous year. It should be a new district some time. Siong-tai has prospered this year.

Kia-sioh has opened a new place.

4TH.—At the close of the schools last June, all the Deaconesses and Girl's day-school teachers, and about 30 of the preachers, were brought together at Hing-hua city for 6 weeks for a summer school.

The Missionary, and teachers of the Biblical School directed them and taught them both the Bible and other books: also methods of preaching. Every day a text was given, and several preached short sermons from it; and them the teachers criticised and taught the preachers how to preach. It was a very profitable time.

5TH.—We have been very careful in baptizing and receiving persons into the church this year. I do not receive them unless after careful examination I find that they know the truth of salvation and the Ten Commandments.

6TH.—We have sought to increase the self-support by teaching the people to give not less than one-tenth of their income. Many have already pledged themselves to do this. I hope that before long this will become a self-supporting district.

7TH.—The statistics are as follows:

Adults Baptized - - - - -	477	increase 239.
Full Members - - - - -	897	,, 225.
Probationers - - - - -	1783	,, 628.

Collected for Self-support - - .	$669.44	increase $281.04.
,, ,, Church Building - -	324.80	
,, ,, Missionary Society -	64.00	,, 17.20.
,, ,, Home Missionary Society	210.50	(a new collection).
,, ,, Other Benevolent Causes	104.38	increase 69.58.
,, ,, Bishop's Support - -	7.05	
,, ,, Other Local Purposes -	156.56	,, 58.18.
Total - -	$1536.73	

The work has become so large that we want to divide the district.

We also earnestly ask the Bishop to appoint more ladies of the W. F. M. Society and also another foreign missionary to help in the educational work, that our young men may be trained to go out and spread the Gospel throughout all Hing-hua.

SIENG-IU DISTRICT.

LING MING CHIONG, P.E.

WHEN I was appointed by the Bishop to take charge of this district, I realized that I was lacking in ability to meet the demands of this office. But as I could not refuse the appointment, I entered upon my work and did the best I could. At present the condition of the Church is better than last year, not on account of my own ability but owing to the co-operation of all the Elders of this district. The members are increasing constantly and the church is in peace. In receiving the new members we have been very careful in order to find out their real purpose in becoming christians. If their purpose is merely to come under our protection to get rid of the oppression of the official runners or to get out of trouble with the people of the larger villages, we will not receive them. On this account the church here is not as flourishing as at some other places. I will state briefly the work of each preacher on each circuit. Mr. Ding, pastor of the Dung-hiong circuit although an old man is an eloquent preacher, appreciated by all the members, and has ability in managing the church, so that his report shows twice as many members as last year. Mr. Li pastor of Chiong-ong circuit is honest and has great influence over the members and the neighbors most of whom have been converted. Mr. Ling who takes charge of Lung-hua circuit is

an active and efficient preacher and the church has grown a great deal. The pastor of the Cia-sang circuit is Mr. Ling, who is a straight-forward preacher and has a great influence over the people. Mr. Song the pastor of the Buo-muoi circuit is a very careful and thoughtful man and both christians and heathen love him. Mr. Ding the pastor of Kieng-sang circuit, though a young man, is very familiar with the Bible and knows how to preach well, so that some of the literati have come to hear him and the church is very prosperous. Mr. Song the pastor of Kie-dieng circuit is quite a diligent man. About five or six years ago the church on this circuit was very weak, but during the present year it may be compared to a dead tree beginning to send forth new branches. Many people have joined the church on probation and as members and some influential men and literati have been converted. Mr. Dong has taken charge of Lüng-hu-sang circuit. At one time there was trouble in the church between the members, owing to the lack of wisdom of the assistant preacher, but finally this was settled by Mr. Dong, who exerted himself to his utmost. Mr. Ding who has charge of Lieng-gü circuit is an able and eloquent man, but the people there are cruel and stubborn and desire to engage in lawsuits, so that the church is not prosperous, but it is not because of the pastors idleness. Mr. Ding the pastor at Ung-tu is not an efficient preacher of the Gospel, so that the members remain indifferent. Hu-sang circuit has become revived under the management of Mr. Uong. On this district, three new preaching places have been opened. These are all in the country where the people are well disposed. Although there are many christians their faith is weak. We hope that God will pour out His Holy Spirit upon the illiterate men and make them efficient preachers, able to lead many to Christ. Though the number of christians has increased some four or five hundred yet the money subscribed by them has not increased. This year has been a bad one and they have raised very small crops. When they are not able to support themselves how can they subscribe for the church?

We hope you all will pray for this district that very soon we may see the church growing very rapidly and the people more willing to subscribe money to open up more new places.

ING CHUNG DISTRICT.

Iong Daik Cheu, P.E.

LAST year I was again appointed to this District. In trying to meet the demands of this important position I have felt my inefficiency and need of Gods sustaining grace, as well as the help of my fellow-workers and my report is presented with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow. The district is not a noted one but it is very populous.

The Ing-chung circuit has had a prosperous year. The members have met with some persecution owing to the difficulty connected with the purchase of some land for a church, but they have stood firm and there has been an increase both in members and probationers; such has been the grace of our Lord freely bestowed upon the believers. For a long time the Daik-hua circuit was like a withered tree but it has blossomed out like a tree in spring. Last year a brother in America contributed funds to open two needy places. One of those was Au-bung where the opportunities are excellent. Many people come in the evening to learn the doctrines. The members are stedfast, and are not disturbed by persecution, and we feel a great debt of gratitude to our American brother for his kindness of heart.

The U-yong circuit has been much encouraged by the schools carried on there.

The Chiak-chui circuit has had a good year and there has been an increase both in members and probationers.

The Dai-cheng circuit has prospered. The numbers have increased and the members are zealous and firm in the faith.

The members at Uang-u are very earnest, and at Ngu-bo, they are stedfast and are lights in the midst of the darkness.

On the To-Nguong circuit there has been much prosperity but the more the church prospers the greater the persecution. There has been a large number of additions, but the Magistrate has frequently instigated persecutions of the christians.

Ching-chui-ding has had a wonderful year of prosperity. Some years ago Bro. McNabb and I went there to open a preaching place, but the people united in a compact not to rent their houses or shops and not to accept the Gospel. They decided that any one who violated this agreement should be severely punished. During the past year, quite unexpectedly, several venerable literary men came to To-nguong with Bibles and other books, and begged that we appoint a pastor to go and teach them. The village belongs to the Ing-ang civil district.

During the year preachers and members have often been there and preached the Gospel, and at the time many persons gladly heard them.

We urge that another preacher be appointed to this new place and hope that the coming year may witness greater prosperity than the past.

KUCHENG DISTRICT.

REV. M. C. WILCOX, P.E.

MY eighth report of this district is presented with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow—joy because of the general prosperity that continues to attend the labors of native and foreign workers; sorrow on account of the great affliction that has befallen the work.

The world knows the terrible story of the Massacre on August 1st of the English Missionaries at Hua-sang, a mountain resort near

Kucheng City. Each of these missionaries was not only a faithful fellow-worker, but also a valued personal friend of myself and my Methodist Associates. It is highly fitting that their names should be recorded in this report. They are as follows:—Rev. R. W. Stewart, M.A., Mrs. Louisa Stewart, the Misses Hessie Newcombe, Elsie Marshall, Lucy Stewart, Annie Gordon, Elanor and Elizabeth M. Saunders, Miss Lena Yellup (governess) was also killed and Mr. Stewart's son, Herbert, aged six years, and infant daughter, Hilda, died soon afterward from injuries. Miss Hartford, of our Mission, escaped death through the bravery of Tiang Siong Tek, a Methodist Exhorter, being nobly assisted in the rescue by Mrs. Rev. Ding Ung Tiu. The other English and American Missionaries, having gone elsewhere for the summer, escaped the fate that otherwise might have befallen them.

Since the massacre the native christians have been frequently threatened. But as the Consular Commission has now finished its labors, and as justice has been meted out to those most guilty of the terrible crime, it is hoped that the peril to the native christians has been greatly lessened and will soon cease.

Though missionaries have not yet been permitted to return to that region, it is gratifying to know that the native workers are laboring faithfully and that the chapels and schools are still well attended. The restriction on traveling prevented me from holding the fourth quarterly meetings. This work has been done by native elders, one of whom—Rev. Ding Ung Tiu, was chosen to preside at the recent district Conference.

Former reports have indicated the prosperity on this district. Let me now state that during the eight years I have had charge of the district, the members and probationers have increased from 372 to 1311 or more than 396 per cent. To God be all the glory! Threatened and actual persecution has caused a few to fall away and has doubtless kept many from openly accepting Christ, but it has also increased the faith

and zeal of preachers and members, and thus prepared them for still greater victories in the near future.

Seldom does persecution cause the Chinese Christians to cast away their confidence, "Which hath great recompense of reward," but if there were severe and wide-spread persecution in this land, I believe that, almost without exception, they would be faithful unto death. Still I earnestly request every reader of this report to pray habitually for the native preachers and communicants (as well as for the missionaries) that their faith may constantly increase and that they may be "as lights in the world holding forth the word of life."

Once more I desire most heartily to thank the special contributors, who have made it possible to establish much new work. A cloud now overshadows the Kucheng district, but by faith we see its silvery lining. We have no thought of diminishing our efforts to evangelize the myriads of towns in that beautiful region. On the contrary we intend as heretofore to push that work by every possible means. The recent district Conference unanimously asked that the territory be divided, so as to form the Kucheng and the Kucheng East Districts. The field is already so vast, the necessity for dividing some of the present large circuits so pressing and the requests to open new work so numerous and urgent, that the division asked for should be made without delay.

We rejoice to hear that a band of workers has already started from London to take the place of our lamented fellow-workers of the Church Missionary Society. We have also been greatly encouraged by the arrival, October 14th, of Althea M. Todd, of Boston, who comes as a re-inforcement for Kucheng. She has already made a fine start with the language. Miss Mabel C. Hartford has returned to America for much needed rest, but Miss Willma H. Rouse, who has made excellent progress in the language, is well-prepared to take charge of the W. F. M. S. Work.

Dr. J. J. Gregory, having for nearly seven years engaged in Medical work in China, has just started for America. He deserves much credit for skilfully planning and equipping Wiley General Hospital at Kucheng. A large debt of gratitude is due him for timely service rendered to the wounded survivors of the massacre and for the part he took in investigating the dreadful affair. It is exceedingly important that without delay a medical missionary be appointed to take charge of Wiley Hospital, in order to study the language and be ready to begin work as soon as missionaries can return to Kucheng.

Though prevented from returning to my district since the massacre, I have found abundance to do in and near Foochow, such as teaching in the Theological School, preaching frequently, assisting Rev. G. S. Miner in connection with his important Day School work, etc. In fact so few are our numbers that our entire force in both societies ought to be doubled, or better still, trebled without delay.

I will only add that myself and associaties earnestly desire to return to Kucheng at the earliest possible moment, in order to manage our work in a more direct and effective manner than is possible at this distance.

MING CHIANG DISTRICT.

LAU KUANG HUNG, P.E.

AFTER the death of the late Rev. N. Sites, D.D., I was appointed Presiding Elder of the Ming-chiang District, and though I was ashamed of my poor abilities, and felt that the responsibilities were greater than I was able to bear, I nevertheless thought, having received the appointment I could not but accept it. In the second month I began a tour through all the circuits, presided at the Quarterly Conferences, and administered the sacrament. I am glad to be able to report that on all the circuits there has been advance.

On the Ne-du circuit there are five stations. This year a station has been opened in the District City, and an exhorter sent there, and although no great advance has been made, nevertheless a few have believed. In the village of Mi-lek-ding, about two miles from the city several have become probationers, and some have been baptized and have become full members. In Ciong-iong the faith of the members have been strengthened, and many have joined on probation. About fourteen miles from Ne-du there are many women and children connected with our Church who because of the distance cannot attend the Quarterly Meeting, and our members there earnestly request that a new circuit be opened.

Chiek-ha also shows signs of prosperity. The attendance at Church is not less than thirty or forty. A good harvest may also be expected from the other classes.

Lĕk-du circuit is divided into six classes. At Sang-du there have been good opportunities for work this year. Here we have over forty probationers who are unusually earnest. There are quite a number of children in the day-schools, where they are learning to sing and pray. At Sang-du and the adjoining stations, A-hong and Liak-buo, in the fourth township, there are a number of villages with a large population. The preacher at Lĕk-du can scarcely attend to so broad a field. The church members are earnestly pleading that a new circuit may be opened and a preacher stationed there.

At Da-kau in the fifth township the church members seem to be quite zealous. A number of probationers have come from the village of La̤-ka̤ not far away. From the villages in the seventh and eighth townships two or three have united with the church. On Sunday the people from these different villages come to Da-kau to worship. It would be well to open a new circuit there also.

The church members at Hu-tau and Buang-iong are more firmly established.

Sek-ek-du circuit has three classes and the church members stand firmly. At Pang-ding-iong and Sioh-chong the opportunities are quite good and their future prosperity may be expected. A number of people from Cang-au, a place near by, attend the church services.

Sek-se-du circuit has three classes. The church members are much more earnest than formerly. At Sang-tai-iong a girl's and boy's day school have been established. Literary men, women, and children have been led to know the truth and the church is very flourishing. At U-liang a new church has been built and the church members receive more instruction than before. A new class has been formed at Hong-huong-die and several probationers have been added to the church. It is hoped that a harvest of a hundred fold may be garnered there.

Sek-ngo-du circuit has in all seven classes. Some are just inside the boundaries of the sixteenth and seventeenth townships, making a very wide field. The members at Seng-bang are more earnest than those at other places. At Eng-gu-lang many have joined on probation and not a few have been baptized and entered the church.

The number of church members at Die-buo, Uong-nik, Lëk-gaëk, Puo-nieng, and Cheng-iong has steadily increased, they are diligent in the study of the Scriptures, and have therefore a clear understanding of the doctrine. A new circuit should be opened to include the sixteenth and seventeenth townships that the good seed may be sown more extensively. Each circuit has one or two good schools, though the other schools cannot be said to be useless.

This is a general summary of the work of the district for the year. Had it not been for the help of the Lord my strength would not have been sufficient for the work. I earnestly hope that all the brethren will pray for the Ming-chiang District that daily the Gospel may spread more widely.

IONG BING DISTRICT.

TAING GIENG ING, P.E.

DURING the year I have regularly consulted with all of my colaborers as to the best methods of arousing the Church into greater life and activity. At the present time the people are being more and more attracted to the Church and the opportunities for preaching have been better than during the preceding year, and we may appropriately say, "the night is far spent, the day is a hand." If we improve the present opportunities and zealously preach the Gospel, we may gather in a great harvest and thus be made to rejoice with all our brethren. With the exception of one or two circuits all the work on the Iong-bing district has been prosperous. Iong-bing city has had the best year in the history of the church there.

The Chiong-hu-buang circuit has had a good year. Many persons have been baptized and received into the church, at the villages of Ngo-tau and Duh-gah, one 15 *li* west, and the other 15 *li* east of Chiong-hu-buang, 20 persons have been taken on probation. There has been one Boy's Day School and a Woman's School and the average attendance at the sabbath services has been about one hundred. This will soon be a large circuit. The church has had real prosperity and the contributions for all purposes have greatly increased.

The Sek-chek-du circuit was set off last year and it has made some progress. The preacher and the members have been very zealous. Ten persons have been baptized and received into the church. There are ten probationers, and a boy's school and a girl's school, both doing well.

The Sek-se-du circuit has a local preacher for pastor and the condition of the work is good, but would be improved if it had a more efficient pastor. Three persons have joined the church during the year.

The Ngo-sek-du circuit has held its own and had they a well educated preacher, prosperity would be assured. At Iong-de and Sa-kau, the members have lost none of their zeal and several persons have been received on probation.

Se-sek-ngu-du circuit has had a good year since we have a newly rented place of worship. Many persons come in the evenings for Bible study and two of them have joined the church.

The Hu nguong circuit has made no special progress.

At Sa-kaing the Church is still in the Magistrate's yamen and conditions are very unfavorable for success. Two probationers have been received. Several persons have been baptized and received into the church and some of the heathen neighbors have become interested. A place has been rented for the coming year and we look for better results in the future. The church at Sung-chiong has about held its own but at Iong-kau, there have been several inquirers and if we rent a chapel there we may expect quite an ingathering.

On the entire District there have been about 50 adult baptisms and all the contributions have increased and we hope for much greater prosperity next year.

X. REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

FOOCHOW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

J. H. Worley, Principal.

TWENTY five new students were received this year, which makes the school the largest in its history, notwithstanding nine are under appointment as pastor-teachers. The plan adopted of giving each student a year's trial in teaching or preaching during his course is working well. It gives them an invaluable experience and us a better opportunity to judge of their ability and whether it will pay to give them further training. Most of those under appointment this year are doing good work.

During the summer vacation over twenty were under appointment, most of whom were opening up new work or preaching in villages where we have recently established boy's day schools. Every where they were kindly received and met with much encouragement. Many gave their names as inquirers and several classes were organized.

We were visited with a gracious revival last winter at which the students were greatly blessed. All our native workers are coming more to realize the absolute necessity of the fulness of the Holy Spirit and that it can be obtained only by full consecration and obedience to the will of God.

A large number of liberary men are being reached by the Gospel, some of whom are very earnest in publishing the good news. Several have signified a desire to enter the school and prepare for the ministry. The *literati* create public sentiment in China and heretofore have been our greatest opponents, so when they are converted and God calls some of them into the ministry, as He is sure to do, christianity will

be respected more by the people. These are the men from whom we are expecting much in the future.

Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Rev. M. C. Wilcox, Ph., D., Presiding Elder Kaeheng District, who, on account of the disturbed condition of the country was unable to return to his work, and Bishop Walden greatly edified us with scripture exegesis and lectures. The teachers and students highly appreciate the kindness of these friends, whose words have given them new inspiration in their divine calling.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

IN this, the thirteenth annual report of the Anglo-Chinese College to this Conference, it is a pleasure to be able to report unusual progress. There is much to write of but I shall be as brief as possible.

For the last four years the attendance at the College has grown steadily. This year 154 students have been present, the largest number we have ever had, and we could have had more if we had received all who applied. Seventeen candidates for admission were rejected because they failed to pass the entrance examination. The increased attendance is largely due to the general stirring up caused by the war, and the hope that it would lead to the opening up of the country. It began to be felt that China could not go on in the old way, that the time-honored system of examinations would have to be greatly modified, and that there would be demand for young men with a knowledge of English. I think this feeling is spreading, and that unless the Provincial Government opens schools here for English teaching the attendance at the College will increase rapidly. Heretofore the growth of interest in the work of the College, and feeling that the times were changing, have been manifested chiefly at Foochow and a

few other cities, but now I find that some of the country places are being stirred, and applications for admission next year are coming in from the sons of the gentry in Hok-chiang and other districts.

Several young men will graduate at the close of this College year in February 1896. They will then have been with us eight years, and I am confident that they will be a credit to the school. All but one are members of the Church. This is the largest graduating class we have ever had, and it is a source of great pleasure to me to think of their growth in character as well as in knowledge during the years they have been with us.

One of the most interesting events of the year was a visit from Chen Tautai, President of the Foreign Board. He came in official state to attend the exercises at the close of the first term in June. He was welcomed officially by the United States Consul Mr. J. Courtney Hixson, why is the President of our Board of Trustees, and he expressed much pleasure at being present, and seeing the students. He gave prizes to the heads of all the classes, and at the close of the exercises was shown over the College buildings. He showed special interest in our Collection of Scientific apparatus. I intend to invite some of the higher officials to be present at our Commencement Exercises in February, and regularly thereafter at the close of every College year, that they may see what our work is and see that so far from being enemies we are the truest friends of their country. The College is always open to official inspection, and the more we have of it the better I shall be pleased. I believe it would be wise on the part of all who are in charge of the various departments of Mission work to invite such inspection, and so dispel, as far as we may, the superstitious fears with which so many of the people regard all that we are doing.

In January last we were called to mourn the death of one of our Trustees, the Rev. Dr. N. Sites. He had been a member of the Board since the founding of the College in 1881, and for several years

was the Board's Secretary and Treasurer. He was a friend of the College from its beginning. He was always interested in its work, and believed in its future.

I regret to say that our Monitor, Rev. Sia Heng To, is compelled by ill health to retire at this Conference. He was appointed monitor last year, and though his duties were new to him, and many of them difficult, he did his best to meet the requirements of the position. He retires with the respect of both teachers and students, and we all hope that the rest of the coming year will restore him to strength again.

The conduct of the students during the year has been, with very few exceptions, very satisfactory. There have been a few cases of discipline, as there always are in so large a school. Two have been expelled, and four suspended. None regret such punishments more than the teachers, for it shows that in these cases our work has been in vain. Every method is tried to train an unruly boy, and only when kindness and patience and firmness are exhausted, is resort had to suspension or expulsion.

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity of expressing my profound appreciation of the sincerity and thoroughness with which my colleaques both Chinese and foreign have worked with me. Without their hearty co-operation such a school as this could not possibly be conducted.

In closing this brief report let me urge you to do what you can to make the work of the College known in your circuits and districts. I am glad to see that in some of the country districts men are looking toward the College who never thought of it before. You can help us much by bringing it to the notice of those in your circuits who are thinking of giving to their sons a larger education than the ordinary Chinese methods afford. It is sometimes said that education here is expensive, but you can not think so if you remember what opportuni-

ties are open to boys who complete the course. It is found to be worth many times more than was paid for it. Regret is also expressed that so few of the students enter the ministry. I regret it myself, but whenever I think of it I remember what Dr. Sia once said to me on the subject. "Do not allow this to trouble you," he said, "Education in itself is a good thing, let God call to the ministry those whom He wants." I believe that as time goes on more and more of our students will devote themselves to the preaching of the Gospel.

I am confident that this College is destined to play a large part in the evangelizing of this great country. It is influencing now, many who are utterly beyond the reach of every other mission agency. There are many among its students here, who but for the College would not hear the Gospel at all. Its founders, one of whom, the Rev. F. Ohlinger, is with us to-day, were not mistaken. Its work is in line with all the living movements of to-day in China. Whatever be the attitude of the Government, the people are waking up. Great factories are being built at Shanghai, Ningpo, Nanking and other places, railways will soon come, and with all this awakening, men's minds will be stirred, and that church will succeed best which the people find is best fitted to satisfy both by education and preaching the new wants which they will feel. Only a few days ago two missionaries were called into counsel by Prince Kung, the President of the Chung-li yamen. Change is coming, and I feel assured that it means among other things larger and grander opportunities for the Anglo-Chinese College. Remember, brethren, this College is yours, many of you have had your sons, many of you have your sons, here now. Its success depends largely on your sympathy. Give us that, make our work known, send us the best students you can find, and I pledge you that those of us who are responsible for the conduct of the school will do our best to make it a mighty power for the lifting of the people of this province to a higher life, by leading them to a larger knowledge of the truth of God.

FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.

WM. H. LACY, SUPERINTENDENT.

IN presenting my fifth Annual Report as Superintendent of the Mission Press, I wish to thank the members of the Conference for their zealous support in this work. Much of the increased demand for books within the Conference is due to the energy shown by our missionaries and pastors in the circulation of religious literature. The unprecedented record of twenty-eight-and-a-half million pages last year has been exceeded this year in the number of pages actually printed, although the work completed as shown by the figures below is but twenty-seven million pages. A large edition of the Easy Wenli New Testament, including about six-and-a-half million pages, is now nearing completion.

Our work during the summer was greatly interfered with by frequently illness among the employees of the Press. Although the cholera which was such a scourge this year did not come among us, yet about twenty of our men were ill at times during the summer. The crowded condition of the sleeping apartments, and their unsanitary situation in the basement, should be remedied as soon as possible. A similar crowded condition prevails in all parts of the building and the necessity for more room is everywhere apparent.

The work completed during the past five years amounts to 95,342,605 pages, as compared with 68,297,304 pages during the five years preceeding. This increase of over twenty-seven million pages, is an indication of what we may expect if the Central Publishing House at Shanghai is not soon established. While I believe this is even now a necessity for the best interests of Methodism in China, yet until this shall be done our work here should be provided with larger quarters. Let us therefore work and pray that the Theological School may have

a new building, not only for its own good, but also for the prosperity of the Press.

The plant has been increased during the year by the amount of $2,500. This includes a beautiful fount of Chinese type made in Japan costing over $1,000, also a book press, a ruling machine, a perforating machine and other necessitiess including a considerable amount of English and Romanized type. The present capital of the press is about $22,000; the net profits for the year have been very satisfactory.

Book Store.

The old Guang-ing-cang book store had long been a failure and I am happy to report that it has been closed and an attractive store opened in the Press building. Here can be found in addition to all the publications of our own Press a large assortment of books published at Shanghai, Hongkong and Canton. It is greatly to be regretted that several of the books of the Conference course are out of print at Shanghai and cannot be secured. The new edition of the Methodist Discipline has just been issued and will be on sale before the Conference shall adjourn. The fact that we have sold about 6,000 copies of the large hymn book and 6,000 of the small ones for the day-schools is something of an indication of the growth of our church.

Romanized Work.

The printing of books in the Hinghua dialect has been continued at Hinghua under the direction of Rev. W. N. Brewster. 2,000 copies of the Gospel by Luke, and 2,000 copies of the Bible Picture Book have been printed. At Foochow we are printing the Gospel of Matthew in the Kien-ning dialect. The reprinting of the Baldwin and Maclay Foochow Dictionary has progressed rapidly during the year, about one-third of which is now completed.

Fuhkien Christian Advocate.

One year ago the circulation of this valuable paper had reached 3,500 copies monthly. This rapid increase was largely due to the war excitement, and we could not believe it could be maintained at those figures. However, under the efficient work of the Editor, Rev. G. B. Smyth the character of the paper has continued to improve and the public are finding it a valuable journal. There is a growing desire that it be issued semi-monthly or weekly. At the close of the war the circulation had reached 4,300, and near six months later it stands at 3,300.

The Child's Paper in the character colloquial has a circulation of 2,500, being an increase of 1,700 copies, much of which increase is due to Rev. G. S. Miner having introduced it into his day-schools.

Work done during the Year.

The work of the year has aggregated about $12,000. We now have in hand orders for work amounting to nearly $6,000.

The work completed during the year may be summarized as follows:--

	Volumes.	*Pages.*
Scriptures: - - - - - - - -	63,500	11,938,000
Tracts: Books, etc. - - - - -	216,350	12,763,570
Sheets, - - - - - - -	——	596,830
S. S. Literature: Books, etc.- - -	38,040	1,163,940
Sheets,- - - -	——	77,250
Miscellaneous: Books, etc. - - -	9,470	306,670
Sheets, - - - - -	——	89,038
Total work completed during 12 months,	327,360	26,935,298

Of the 63,500 volumes of Scripture nearly all have been printed for the American Bible Society, and we are greatly indebted to the agent Rev J. R. Hykes, for his hearty support.

The work done for our Methodist Societies may be summarized as follows:—

METHODIST EPISCOPAL TRACT SOCIETY.

Books, etc., - -	52,450 volumes.	4,515,720 pages.
Sheets, - - -	——	25,680 ,,
Total, - -	52,450	4,541,400 ,,

METHODIST EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Books, etc. - -	37,840 volumes.	1,158,340 pages.
Sheets, - - -	——	74,850 ,,
	37,840	1,233,190 ,,

THE HINGHUA BIBLICAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

W. N. BREWSTER, PRINCIPAL.

THE school is now in a more prosperous condition than it has been during the past four years. The number of students has been large although during the last quarter many of them have been appointed to outside work, so there are now only 23 in school.

At the summer examination in June Rev. N. J. Plumb and Rev. Hü Bo Mi, were present and were greatly pleased at the progress the students had made in their studies. At the revival meetings held in the spring and summer some of them were convicted of their sins and converted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The students now do their work better than before, and 20 of them have conducted prayermeetings, assisted by the others. They have gone out every Saturday to visit the members and give them biblical instruction and on Sunday morning they catechise them on

the lessons taught. On Sunday afternoon they all go out to the villages to hold prayermeetings. During the year more than 300 persons have been added to the Church and give evidence by their attendance at church and their contributions that they are true disciples of the Lord Jesus.

During the summer the students have a two months vacation and this affords a good opportunity for them to supply the pastors places while they come to the Central Church for Bible Study and although the time is short they derive much benefit from the practice of preaching, or teaching the Romanized Colloquial to the school teachers. They use the Bible or any other book in the Romanized.

The teachers are all very diligent and take great pains to instruct their pupils by illustrations and brief explanations. Churches have been established in so many places that we are always short of preachers to take charge of the work, so that this school is the most important one of all to provide the greatly needed workers.

HOK-CHIANG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

U Sieu E, Principal.

I was appointed to take charge of this school by the Presiding Elder Rev. N. J. Plumb, and at the District Conference at Haikau, in February, a consultation was held with all the preachers and official members and it was then decided that as the circuits on the lower part of the District were a long distance from the city where the school was, it was advisable to divide it and have one branch at Ngu-cheng, which would be much more convenient for those pupils living in that vicinity. Thus a division was effected and Mr. Ngu Hung Siong was employed to teach the school at Ngu-cheng, and Mr. Ngu Hua Teng

the one in the city. There have been 15 pupils in each school, in all as many as there were last year. Mr. Paul my colaborer and I have taught the Bible and simple scientific books. Mrs. Paul taught the Romanized, but with little success.

The school was interrupted some during the summer by the cholera which prevailed in the city, to such an extent that many deaths occurred daily. Victims taken in the morning often died before night. The school however, improved in the autumn. The school at Ngu-cheng under Ho Dieu Iu and Siek Gi Chiong had the same instructions as the one at the city.

Under Gods kind favor the students have made progress in their studies and seven of the most promising have been recommended to enter the Theological School, and thus the time and money spent on them has not been in vain.

The school although divided is practically one, with the same rules, regulations and studies. We ask the prayers of all, that Gods blessing may rest upon this work, that these boys may be trained up to do grand work for the Lord.

KUCHENG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

M. C. Wilcox, Principal.

THIS is the fourth year of the Boy's Boarding School in Kucheng. Four of the students were recommended to enter the Foochow Theological School, in the early part of the year and one to be a day school teacher. There were still 28 pupils, and during the last quarter 4 more were received, making the present number 32.

This is more than we had planned for. During the past summer the school was continued without intermission, although all the other schools were closed on account of the Vegetarian trouble.

During the first part of the year although necessarily absent much of the time on my District, I gave the students regular instruction when at home, in Church history, in which they did well and passed excellent examinations.

Since June owing to the troubles I have not been able to return to Kucheng to continue this work.

A four years course of study is required and most of the boys, are able to complete the course, and are recommended to the Foochow Theological School, but some are naturally dull and require a longer time and are not so recommended, as we prefer to do thorough work and prepare capable men for the ministry.

During the summer vacation, I used some of these students to assist on the needy circuits and they did good work. The principal teacher and monitor, Ding Hiong Ching and his assistant are both excellent men and good teachers.

Our present quarters are entirely too small and it is our hope to soon secure a site and erect a suitable building for the school.

HINGHUA BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Rev. Saeng Hok Lieng, Monitor.

I have given 2 hours a day to teaching the Bible since my appointment this year: Also 2 hours a day to the Biblical School.

As to the condition of the school:

1.—The school occupies a large rented building, containing about 40 rooms, situated about 100 yards from the new church.

2.—There is a day-school department in the same building, with about 36 pupils mostly christians. There were 2 native teachers last term, this term but one.

3.—All the books taught, are explained, as well as read by the students. They are also taught to write essays, compose poems, writing, &c.

4.—I have taught the Bible, and have taken great pains to explain the meaning and give the history in full. Some of the students stood 100 per cent on recitations through the entire term.

5.—There were 29 in school in the higher classes this year during the first term, and 23 this term. They have been taught the Bible Geography and other books.

6.—There is a very good religious spirit in the school. Five of the students entered the Preparatory Department of the Biblical School this year. Many of them give time outside of the required hours to studying the Bible. They take notes of the sermons preached on Sundays. Some of them have led the Epworth League Meeting Sunday evening. We have a school prayermeeting every Friday evening, and all testify and praise God in this meeting.

A number of the pupils have been baptized this year and received into the church.

XI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education recommend :—

1ST.—That a graded course of study for all of our schools be adopted and observed in all Districts.

2ND.—That we conform to and be governed by the regulations and courses of studies for day-schools as adopted by this Conference session.

3RD.—That whenever practicable the pupils shall complete the course of study in the lower before passed to a school of higher grade.

4TH.—The Christian teachers, as far as possible shall be employed in all of our schools.

5TH.—That the doors of our boarding schools be carefully guarded and allow none to enter who are not worthy.

6TH.—That our Biblical and Theological Schools receive more instruction from missionaries than heretofore and more time be given to theological studies.

7TH.—That we reaffirm the following rules p. 56 of last year, concerning the admission of pupils to our theological schools.

8TH.—That every preacher, at least once a year, shall preach an educational sermon, to each congregation, setting forth the advantages of our Boarding and Theological Schools and Anglo-Chinese College.

9TH.—That none shall be admitted to the Theological School unless he has exhortor's certificate.

10TH.—We pray that our presiding Bishop will thoroughly understand the need of more Biblical instruction in our Theological and Biblical schools and do his utmost in supplying the need.

11TH.—We are pleased to note the progress of the Anglo-Chinese College. It is now the largest school of the kind in the Empire and the advantages of an English education were never so great in China as now. We trust that our preachers will call the attention of their people to this important branch of mission work.

G. S. MINER,
Chairman.

CENG UNG UONG,
Secretary.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee heartily approve of the recommendations of former Committees on the subject, but find that some have been carried out and others not.

1.—We recommend the appointment on each District, of a Committee to raise a fund for the purchase of important books for local preachers and exhorters.

2.—A weekly church paper should be established and circulated among all our people.

3—We commend the work of the Mission Press, and the Manager Rev. W. H. Lacy, and while many books are issued some others are still needed and must be had from Shanghai. We request Mr. Lacy to secure large supplies of such books and furnish to the preachers at reduced prices, and for this and all his labors he will have our hearty thanks.

4.—A work on Homiletics was translated by Rev. F. Ohlinger when he had charge of the Theological School, many years ago, but was never published, we learn now that the manuscript has been found and we urgently request its publication.

5.—We request the Press to print a work called Ming Sing Lu for the benefit of the church members.

6.—We would ask the missionaries to publish sermons from time to time, to aid the preachers in the preparation of sermons, as well as for food for thought.

7.—We recommend the publication of a book for probationers, containing Prayers for each meal, Lords Prayer, Apostles creed and Ten Commandments and Catechism to be given to each on entering the church.

8.—The pastors in charge of circuits should observe the disciplinary requirements, on raising a collection on the sabbath for the purpose of purchasing books for the members, to be loaned and when read returned for the use of others.

G. B. Smyth,
Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and rested on the seventh day" and thus was instituted the sabbath that man might have a day of freedom from the cares of the world. That man needs one day in seven of relief from toil and distracting cares, shows clearly that God gave the day for man's good, and our faithful observance of it will prove our love for the benevolent and wise Giver. Its benefits are for both the soul and the body. Multitudes are careful for their bodies while they do not realize that the soul is the most important. The food provided by the preacher of the Gospel on the sabbath day is for the nourishment of the soul, and worshippers in God's house are made to rejoice in its blessed provisions.

Men in every condition in life have their trials and sorrows, and without this day they have no rest for either body or soul. When christians come to God's house they should leave behind them all their

worldly affairs, that they may be filled with the peace which Jesus promises to give them.

The observance of the sabbath day is the source of the greatest blessings to mankind and in all countries where it is properly kept, the people are prosperous and happy. When God commanded its observance he accompanied it by a promise of blessing.

Jesus taught that He was the Lord of the sabbath, and how can we, if his true disciples, disregard it? God gave the commandment in love and we should regard it as such.

It is important that we as pastors use wisdom in instructing the members on this subject, showing them clearly the benefits which will come from its observance and we should use our utmost endeavors to secure the keeping of the whole day and those who honestly do so, and sincerely desire its blessings, will grow in grace and be made strong to meet trial and temptation and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit be built up in the faith. We offer the following suggestions as likely to be helpful.

1.—Pastors should be at the Church early and late using all diligence in instructing the members, holding various services both in the forenoon and afternoon, this will engage their time and prevent their being tempted to work during the leisure hours of the day.

2.—Pastors should make careful inquiry as to whether the members keep the sabbath or not. When it is known that a member has violated the sabbath he should go to him and inquire into the reasons and hear his explannations.

3.—The members should be urged to come to church early, and attend all the services of the day. The farmer rises early and works late in providing food for himself and family, and should one not be equally diligent in the use of this day, for that which is of more importance than the body.

4.—Pastors should prepare their sermons most carefully, that they may be able to interest and instruct their congregations and thus secure their hearty attention and regular attendance upon the services.

N. J. PLUMB,
Chairman.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The sabbath school is of the greatest importance to the church. Year by year a Committee is appointed to carefully consider this subject, hoping to greatly improve the Sunday School.

Your Committee beg have to report as follows:—

1.—That the Berean Lessons prepared during the past year, are very helpful to the teachers, and we recommend the continuance of their preparation.

2.—The pastors, or the Sunday School Superintendents should have teacher's meetings on Saturday evening or early Sunday morning to prepare them to teach their classes.

3.—Where the schools are large in the country and there are few who read, and teachers are hard to find, the pastor should get some of the most intelligent members together at some convenient place during the week and instruct them.

4.—The Sunday School may be held Sunday afternoon, when this is the most convenient hour.

5.—Classes should be made up specially for those members who may be able to read the characters but do not know the meaning, also for those who cannot read at all, and for the aged.

6.—The teachers should diligently study the lesson during the week that they may be able to teach the class to which they are appointed.

7.—The Presiding Elder should carefully inquire whether the preachers have done their duty in this matter or not.

8.—The Presiding Elders should make known these rules to all the charges and see that they are observed.

M. C. Wilcox.
Chairman.

SELF SUPPORT.

I.—*The Present Situation of Self-support in the Conference.*

We find that there is much to encourage, and also not a little to discourage us in the important matter of Self-support, in the reports this year.

The entire sum reported for pastoral support is $2,622.05. This is an increase over last year of $307.92.

Six districts have increased, while three have had a decrease.

Nearly all the increase has been in the Foochow and Buo-dieng districts. The largest decrease was in the Hok-chiang district, while the Kucheng and Ming-chiang districts have had a slight falling off. It is no doubt because of the great persecutions in Hok-chiang and Kucheng, and in Ming-chiang because of the deaths early in the year of our beloved Dr. Sites.

The following is a table showing the increase and decrease.

	Increase.		*Decrease.*
Hai-tang district	- 2.00	Hok-chiang district	76.80
Iong-bing ,,	- 7.15	Kucheng ,,	17.85
Foochow ,,	- 101.73	Ming-chiang ,,	5.46
Sing-iu ,,	- 3.60		
Buo-dieng ,,	- 281.04		100.11
Ing-chung ,,	- 12.51	*Net Increase* -	307.92
	408.03		408.03

In addition to this there has been collected in Hing-hua about $300. for Home Missions, which is to be used in supporting pastors in new or weak charges in that region. This is really a part of *pastoral* support contributions.

II.—*Difficulties in the way of Self-support.*

These are many: the poverty of the mass of our people; the low state of spirituality among the village Christians, owing to inability to read, insufficient and sometimes inefficient pastoral oversight; and the natural stinginess of mankind. These difficulties are inherent in the nature of things and must be eradicated, not by legistation, but by an outpouring of God's Spirit.

But there are other difficulties for which there is less excuse, and which we ought to take steps to eradicate speedily, or our labor will be largely in vain. Among these are.

1ST.—The large majority of our preachers do not in their hearts really want self-support. The money comes irregularly and uncertainly. The foreign money is regular and certain. Their people are poor. Why burden them? The Missionary Society is, in their eyes, an inexhaustible mine of wealth.

It is needless to add that until the native preachers take a hearty interest in this matter, we cannot expect to make satisfactory progress.

2ND.—The native church does not want self-support. The reason is obvious; it is easier to let other people pay their preacher, than to pay him themselves.

3RD.—These difficulties are partly the result of our *lack* of *system* in *collecting*. Our preachers have good reason to fear self-support. They are mostly poor men, dependent upon their salaries for food and clothing for themselves and families. What the native

church gives is largely collected in the 4th quarter. Our preachers cannot afford to borrow money at Chinese interest to live on.

The lack of system also makes it difficult for our people to give largely. Adopt and carry out a wise system of collecting and these difficulties will largely disappear.

III.—*The Remedy.*

Fortunately we, as Methodists, already have the outlines of a plan which is adapted to all countries, but especially to mission fields.

We have the class-teacher system, which cannot be improved as a way to collect money. God's word is also very explicit. Paul writing to the church at Corinth said, "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." There should be a *weekly collection* in all our churches. Nearly all self-supporting churches do this. We must, if we would attain self-support.

We therefore propose the following Plan.

1ST.—Let the Presiding Elders and preachers-in-charge at once proceed to divide each church into classes, where not already done, according to the Discipline, with from 10 to 20 in a class, and appoint suitable leaders. Let the Mission press print a class-book for use of the leaders.

2ND.—Let the Elders and Preachers provide each of these class-leaders with bamboo checks, one for each member of his class. These checks should be 3 or 4 inches long, and half an inch wide, with a hole in one end in which a short string is tied in a hard knot. Each check shall have written upon one side the name of the leader and number of his class, upon the other the name of the member. These checks are not to be taken home by the members, but left in charge of the class-leader, whose duty it is to distribute them each Sunday morning, if possible before

service begins. The member ties on the string the "cash" he wishes to give; and the stewards shall pass the tray each Sunday morning, either before or after the sermon, to receive the contributions of the people.

Those who have no money are to put the empty check back upon the tray when it is pssed, to be used in future.

It should be made plain to the people, that this does not mean, that if they happen to have no money we do not want them to come to church. It simply means that each Sunday they will be given an opportunity to give something, however small, to the support of the church, and that they will be credited with the amount.

In order to do this, each chapel should be provided with a book properly ruled with a place for each Sunday in the year. The stewards should enter in this book each contribution in its proper place and tie up the checks in a bunch, according to classes, and return them to the class leaders, or put them in a box kept in the chapel for that purpose.

3RD.—As Bishop Walden has called our attention to the fact that the Discipline requires a collection to be taken in all our public congregations, we assume that all the preachers will at once begin to do this, if they have not already done so. It is the opinion of your Committee that the above system will meet with less opposition in introducing it, and will be far more fruitful than merely passing the plate, because by this plan all that the people give will be credited to each person's subscription.

We therefore strongly urge that the Missionaries, Presiding Elders, and Preachers in charge make every effort in their power to introduce this system throughout the entire Conference.

W. N. BREWSTER,
Chairman.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

In presenting my sixth Annual Report as Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society, I wish to thank the Conference for the confidence placed in me, and express the pleasure I have had in caring for its funds.

In retiring from the Board of Trustees after two terms of service, as becomes necessary in view of my expected furlough to America, I wish to congratulate the Conference on the handsome sum which is now in its Treasury, the interest on which is almost sufficient to meet the needs of our Conference claimants.

I believe the time has now come when loans on Chinese security should be discontinued as far as possible. As our funds so rapidly increase, the lower rate of interest which the H. & S. Bank allows will soon be sufficient to meet all demands; and the absolute security of these loans, with the minimum care they involve, make them especially desirable. Loans on Chinese security at the best are a risk, and the care they involve in examining securities and collecting interest and principle rapidly increase as our funds grow.

The responsibility of collecting the rents from the Da Ding property, which was accepted in settlement of a loan, is a burden; as this property cannot be insured the risk is great, and a small fire might quickly wipe out the greater part of this investment.

I would therefore strongly urge that no more loans be made on Chinese security, and recommend that the Conference instruct the

Board of Trustees to place its funds as fast as they may come into the treasury, on fixed deposit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The statement of accounts given below has been submitted to the President of the Board of Trustees. The statement of Assets and Liabilities shows a net investment of $4,211.97.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. LACY,
Treasurer.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Mrs. Ling Cing Ding - -	$2.50 per month	=	$30.00
,, Hu Iong Mi - - -	2.50 ,,	=	30.00
,, Dang Ging Dong - -	2.00 ,,	=	24.00
,, Ding Neng Ciek - -	4.00 ,,	=	48.00
,, Uong Ding Hok - -	4.00 ,,	=	48.00
,, Daing Guang Ing - -	2.50 ,,	=	30.00
,, Sie Huo Mi - - -	2.50 ,,	=	30.00
,, Ding Cing Guong - -	2.00 ,,	=	24.00
Rev. Hu Sing Mi - - -	4.00 ,,	=	48.00
,, Sia Heng To - - -	8.00 ,,	=	96.00
Li Hok Mi and Li Hok Tai -	3.00 ,,	=	36.00
Orphans of Rev. Sia Lieng Li	3.00 ,,	=	36.00
	$40.00		480.00

W. H. LACY,
Chairman.

Superannuated Preachers Aid Society.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

W. H. Lacy, Treasurer.

Dr.

1894-1895.

The Balance due Treasurer at Conference, 1894.....	$ 29 70	
To Insurance Society claim paid Ding Ngük Ciong...	14.50	
„ Claims on Conference Fund paid as follows:—		
Mrs. Sie Huo Mi $24.00		
„ Dang Ging Dong..... 20.40		
„ Ding Neng Ciek 48.00		
„ Uong Ding Hok 30.00		
„ Hu Iong Mi 30.00		
„ Ling Ching Ding 24.00		
„ Daing Guang Ing 30.00		
Li Brothers 36.00		
	242.40	
To Loans as follows:—		
No. 18 (Renewed) $421.03		
„ 22 „ 840.00		
„ 24 ..... 500.00		
„ 25 ..... 200.00		
„ 26 ..... 250.00		
„ 27 ..... 200.00		
	2411.03	
To Treasurer's Account Book	1.25	
	2698.88	

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By Book Concern Dividend Gold $365, Mex. at 52 per cent		$ 701.92
By Loans paid as follows:—		
No. 18.....$400.00		
„ 22..... 800.00		
„ 23..... 450.00		
		1650.00
By Interest on Loans.....		109.68
„ „ „ Current Account, H. & S. Bank.....		1.69
„ Rent from Da Ding property.....		60.42
„ Balance due Treasurer Nov. 20th, 1895		175.17
	$2698.88	$2698.88

W. H. Lacy, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

J. H. Worley, *President Board of Trustees.*

Assets and Liabilities of the S. P. A. S.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Loans to Individuals:		Balance due Treasurer...	$ 175.17
No. 7 ..$ 50.00		Insurance Society Claims	29.00
„ 8 ... 200.00		Net Assets	4211.97
„ 12 ... 350.00			
„ 14 ... 50.00			
„ 19 ... 30.00			
„ 25 ... 200.00			
„ 27 ... 200.00			
	$1080.00		
Loans to Hongkong and Shanghai Bank:			
No. 18 ...$421.03			
„ 22 ... 840.00			
„ 24 ... 500.00			
„ 26 ... 250.00			
	2011.03		
Da Ding Property.....	1000.00		
Native Cemetery Land...	170.00		
„ „ Subscriptions, &c...	155.11		
	$4416.14		$4416.14

W. H. Lacy,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

J. H. Worley,

President Board of Trustees.

CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Districts.	*Missionary Society.*	*Bishop's Support.*	*General Conference Expenses.*
Foochow - -	142.70	16.64	13.10
Hok-chiang - -	61.65	8.00	8.00
Ing-chung - -	23.40	3.16	——
Hai-tang - -	19.80	4.20	——
Buo-dieng - -	64.00	7.05	5.25
Sieng-iu - -	25.50	6.00	3.00
Iong-bing - -	29.65	2.50	1.50
Kucheng - -	62.20	8.20	6.35
Ming-chiang - -	17.00	1.50	——
	——	——	37.20
Totals - - -	445.90	57.25	
,, 1894 - -	405.34	42.90	
Increase - -	40.56	14.35	

W. H. LACY,
Treasurer.

XIII. RESOLUTIONS.

OF SYMPATHY TO THE C. M. S. MISSION.

Whereas,—The Church Missionary Society has been sadly afflicted by the Massacre of Missionaries at Hua-shang, near Kucheng city on the 1st August, 1895.

Resolved,— That we the Missionaries and native preachers of the Foochow Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby express our profound sorrow and sympathy.

Resolved,—That we will continue to pray that our Heavenly Father will, in His infinite love, comfort the relatives upon whom this blow has fallen, and in His infinite wisdom cause the death of our beloved fellow-workers to result in the furtherance of the Gospel, not only in the Kucheng region but throughout China.

Resolved,—That a certified copy of this action be sent to the Secretary of the C. M. S. Mission at Foochow and another copy furnished him to be forwarded to their Secretary in London.

N. J. Plumb.
W. N. Brewster. } *Com. on Resolutions.*
G. S. Miner.

ON FOOCHOW MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Whereas,—We have heard with pleasure of the efforts of Dr. White, one of the first Medical Missionaries in China, and of the Foochow Mission, to establish a large Hospital and Medical College in Foochow, therefore.

Resolved,—That we most heartily endorse this plan, believing that such a school under Christian auspices would result in great good

to the people of China, and to the cause of Christianity in the Empire.

Resolved,—That we hereby memorialize the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society to give this matter their most earnest attention, and as far as possible co-operate with Dr. White in his efforts to to accomplish this important work.

N. J. PLUMB.
W. N. BREWSTER. } *Com. on Resolutions.*
G. S. MINER.

ON DELEGATES TO CENTRAL INDIA CONFERENCE.

Whereas,— The Conferences of India have sent a cordial invitation to the Missions of China to send fraternal delegates to attend the Central Conference of India which meets next March at Poona, and,

Whereas,—Rev. M. C. Wilcox, Ph.D., our delegate to General Conference and, possibly Rev. W. H. Lacy, propose to return to America by way of England, therefore.

1.—Resolved, that we do hereby elect Dr. Wilcox and Brother Lacy fraternal delegates to said Central Conference of India.

2.—Resolved, that we request them, if possible to plan their journey so that they may attend said Central Conference.

3.—Resolved, that we request them to bear to the brethren in India our most cordial greetings, that we rejoice greatly in the marvelous success that is attending their labors, and that we pray that God may still more abundantly bless them in the future, and that we too may soon experience like blessings in China.

N. J. PLUMB.
W N. BREWSTER. } *Committee on Resolutions.*
G. S. MINER.

XIV. IN MEMORIAM.

REV. NATHAN SITES, D.D.

Rev. Nathan Sites, D.D., who for nearly 34 years has been a Missionary in Foochow, China, entered into life eternal February 10th at 5.30 p.m. one week from the time he closed his earthly Sabbath labors. Brother Sites was born November 6th 1830, near Belleville, Richland Co., Ohio. his Father was a farmer, and the son like Elisha the prophet, for a season followed the plough. But he had an ambition to be a master mechanic, and like the Saviour worked at the trade of a carpenter. But he longed for intellectual culture and became a student in Ohio Wesleyan University, located at Delaware. Converted at twenty-one, he very soon after heard from his Master, the call to the ministry, which he obeyed, and after his graduation in 1859 he was appointed by Bishop Ames to the Mohawk circuit. While there, he met Sarah Moore, his now bereaved widow. From the ministry at home, he was called to be a missionary; his intense love for souls led him to give his life to those who were sitting in darkness, and the shadow of death. He was expecting to go to India, when an urgent appeal from Dr. R. S. Maclay for help in the work at Foochow, led the Bishop to assign him to this needy field. March 6th, 1861, he was married, and in the following June, he and his bride took passage in the sailing vessel *Cathay* for Amoy, a voyage of 101 days. By consulting the Mission Records we find under date of September 19th 1861. "To-day our mission was made happy by the arrival per steamer *Azof* of our brothers Maclay and Sites, and their families, all in good health. God has not forgotten to be gracious."

The second year after their arrival Brother and Sister Sites was stationed at Ngu-kang and there they labored successfully and happily three years. The third year—"Dr. Sites began to preach in the

dialect, and as the new treaty provisions had granted freedom for travel, he went out into the villages and even to distant cities. He took with him Li Iu Mi and Uong Giu Daik and went (100) one hundred miles up to Kucheng. He was the first missionary ever in that city. Crowds and crowds followed through the streets, to see the strange man from a foreign country. He rented a chapel where our Ek Bo Church now stands, and left a native brother there to sell books, and testify for Christ. About a year later his Chinese teacher, our now revered elder Sia Sek Ong, was baptized. Dr. Sites took him and Li Iu Mi and opened the work in Ming-chiang City and Lek-du. He was also the pioneer to Hinghua. "He has endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

He knew what stripes, and bonds meant, what it was to be reviled and persecuted, for Christ's sake, but he rejoiced that he was counted worthy to suffer for his Master whom he loved better than his life. He lived to see many of his bitter persecutors converted; won by his loving spirit and labors to lay down their weapons of rebellion at the feet of his Lord.

His was a gentle, loving spirit; he knew how to conciliate and forgive, and it was a joy to him in the last week of his useful life, that with all the difficulties he had as a pioneer missionary, he had rarely taken a case to the Consul. He has filled well the many positions to which he has been called—Preacher, Pastor, Presiding Elder, College Trustee, Treasurer, Translator, Interpreter, and yet, with all, modest and unassuming. He loved like his Master to minister, rather than be ministered unto. The loss to the Mission and the Missionaries, to the native preachers and membership, is very great for he was a man greatly beloved; but our loss is his infinite gain. His last week of untiring and joyful labor filled his glad soul with praise and gratitude to God, and was a fitting close to his life of abundant service. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

W. H. Lacy.

REV. SIA LIENG LI.

The subject of this brief sketch was of southern ancestry and spoke the Amoy dialect as well as the Foochow, although a native of the Hok-chiang District.

He was one of the many trophies won for Christ through the faithful evangelistic labors of the sainted Rev. Ling Ching Ding who many years ago passed to his reward.

Naturally of a very quiet and retiring disposition our brother seldom appeared prominently in the Conference or on public occasions. His chief-characteristics were sincerity of purpose and firm adherence to his convictions of duty. The faithfulness of his early years followed him all through the subsequent years of his life as he filled the various positions of Pastor, Presiding Elder and Teacher.

He entered the traveling connection in 1873 and was a member of the Conference at its organization in 1877. Having proven his faithfulness in the pastorate in Hok-chiang, when the Ing-chung District was set off in 1878 he was appointed the Presiding Elder, he being specially fitted for that work by his knowledge of the language, and there were few available candidates at that time.

This position he filled for a full term until 1883, when he returned to the pastorate in the district. He was never very strong and the hard traveling over those high mountains of a long District, told upon his health.

His next appointment was at Tong Tau (Hot Springs) a large market town.

He continued in the pastoral relation until his death, but in 1894, he was placed in charge of the Woman's School in addition to his pastoral work in Hu-yong.

He was now in great weakness but he never thought of a superannuation and did his work as long as it was possible for him to do anything, and was taken from his labors early in June 1895.

During the years of his Presiding Eldership it was the privilege of the writer to travel with him on various occasions over those high mountain ranges, and I was always impressed wfth his patience and untiring faithfulness in all his labors for the Master, from all of which he is now released. He has entered into his reward in that land "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

N. J. PLUMB,
Chairman.

REV. DING CING GUONG.

One of the most useful men in the Hing-hua work has been called to his reward.

Rev. Ding Cing Guong was a teacher of the Bible and of Chinese Classics in our Biblical School from its opening in 1892, until his death in January 1895.

He was admitted into the Conference in 1875. He was pastor of several circuits in the Hing-hua District, and for about the last 10 years of his life was in the Educational work in Hing-hua City. He was one of the finest Chinese scholars our Church has ever produced, and a very diligent student of God's Word.

He was beloved and respected by all his pupils.

For the last 3 years of his life he seemed to have a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit that made his life singularly beautiful and full of power. His testimonies in the various meetings of the Church were always apt and with unction.

In his last sickness, he was constantly praising God, and longing for release. He had consumption, and knew his time was short.

He worked up to the last moment his strength would permit: then

waited in holy expectation of the coming of the Lord to take him Home.

Such death-bed scenes as his are a great benediction to our Chinese Christians.

W. N. Brewster,
For the Committee.

XV. COMMITTEES NOMINATED FOR 1896.

On Education.—G. B. Smyth, Ting Ung Tieu, Hu Chaik Hang, Uong Di Ki, Yek Ing Guang.

On Sunday Schools.—G. S. Miner, U Sieu E, Ding Siu Kung, Ling Mi Ing, Cheng Ung Uong.

On Religious Literature.—N. J. Plumb, Uong Guok Hing, Saeng Hok Lieng, Chüng Daik Ming, Tiang Ngük Chëü.

On Temperance.—W. N. Brewster, Sie Seng Chang, Ling Ui Sieng, Ling Hung Chö, Ding Keu Ü.

On Sabbath Observance —Ting Nik Sing, Ding Dai Liong, Li Nga Hung, Ding Hieng Ngieu.

On Self Support.—J. H. Worley, Ding Ga Sing, Ling Ming Sang, Ling Ching Mi, Sie Seng Cang.

XVI. W. F. M. S. REPORTS.

FOOCHOW GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

In the good providence of God our Foochow Boarding School has had a prosperous year. The particularly hard things recorded in memories store house, are the dismissing of two girls from the high-school, Miss Bonafield's home going, and the Measles ; but God's grace is sufficient for all and "Every cloud has a silver living." The dismissing of the two girls, while a very hard thing to do, has had a most helpful effect on the other girls, and these two girls, have profited also by the stern lesson and still know we are their sisters in truth, and that at is only justice that those who break-laws must expect punishment. We get good reports of their conduct from the ladies of the Districts in which their homes are located. Miss Bonafield's return is now eagerly anticipated and thanks to the Heavenly Father, and the skill of our good little Dr. Masters not one of our number but recovered from the measles. This year we did not expect to let the school increase in numbers knowing well that the work was already too great for one so inexperienced, but in spite of ourselves we could not help receiving these eager girls so long as there was space to be found for them.

This year we have taken in 22 new boarders and thirteen day pupils. We have enrolled 110 Boarders and 19 day pupils this year. Have opened a second primary room with one of our former high school pupils as teacher and she is doing excellent work. The new course of study is much better than the old, having much more practical education and much less of the ancient classics. Our head teacher is all alive to the value of the study of Western Sciences and spent his summer vacation studying these and "Western Method's of Teaching." He is now very enthusiastic about having new school-books made for China. Praise the Lord. It means more than you who have never

been in this "custom cursed land" can imagine to have a literary graduate turn from the dead books of Confucius and Mencius to living, practical, *educational* works. How true it is "The entrance of Thy word giveth light." As you know, this man is a member of the Conference and we appreciate profoundly our Presiding Elder's generosity in letting us have for our school one whom he so much wants in his Theological school. The girls, as well as we, appreciate the fact that Dr. Worley is one of their best friends. During the year fifteen of the girls have been received into the church in full connection and five have received baptism. The Junior League has grown in earnestness and consecration and one part of their service which is never omitted is the collection. Of course it is only the mites, but it is an education in the right line and it is so joyfully given that one can not but know the Lord accepts their offering because "He loveth the cheerful giver." Their mites amounted to $1.80 last term and this was paid in on the Pastor's salary.

The Missionary collection from the school amounted to two dollars. Small, but larger than many of us make considering our abundance and their poverty. The receipts from tuition and other sources have amounted to about one-hundred dollars.

We hope they will increase from year to year as the people learn more and more to value the educational advantages offered to their daughters. As we look back over the year we are not discouraged; but there is an intense longing in our soul that we may ourselves be continually filled with the Spirit, that our daily lives may be an inspiration to these precious girls and that continually we may remember that we are to count not our lives dear unto ourselves, but to offer them daily "A sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God" remembering constantly that even this is only a "reasonable service" since we are not our own but "bought with a price."

Faithfully.

LYDIA A. WILKINSON.

MARY E. CROOK MEMORIAL ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy.

The year has been one of mingled trial and blessing.

We have had in the home thirty-six children. Of these 25 were with us when we made our last report. Eleven have been received this year. Eight have died during the year. Of the eight that have died four were under seven months of age, one nine months old two were a little less than three years of age.

One died of Measles, one of Heart-failure, one of Spinal Meningites, three of Bronchitis and two of Cholera, infantum.

Of the children received, one was the child of an insane woman, who refused to nurse the child but abused it and threw it into the street to die.

The mother of one was dying a heathen and wished to give her to the foreign Christians because they are good. The mother of one died when she was a month old and her father wanted to kill the child to appease the gods but consented to give her to the foreigners instead.

One, the mother refused to nurse because she was a girl, saying, "This is too hard a life for girls ; better let them die.

One, the mother died three days after the birth leaving eight children, the oldest fourteen years old.

One was left to the care of an opium-smoking father who realized he could not live long and wanted his little girl "to grow up to be a Christian woman like her sainted mother."

One was rescued from drowning by a Christian woman.

One, the parents refused to keep because they had too many girls ; one was taken from being the slave girl of a young man who had become a Christian and convinced that it was wrong to keep child-wives.

One, blind and crippled, was picked up in the street and left in our care, the rescuer departing without waiting to see whether we were willing to receive it or not. One was brought to my house, by a man hired to bring it there and who refused to take it away again.

The mother of one died when she was born. The father wanted to kill the child but decided to give her to us instead.

During the year three of the children have been reading Chinese in the primary department of the Girl's Boarding School and six have been in a kinder-garten class.

Family worship is held morning and evening conducted by the matron assisted by one of the older girls from the Boarding School.

We have held a weekly meeting in the home which has been productive of much good. Visits have been made to homes where children were being nursed or to investigate the cases which had asked permission to enter the Orphanage.

In all of these visits the story of Jesus and his love has been told to a company of listeners. We have not kept a record of the number of listeners thus reached, but it cannot be far from 10,000. In this work I have been most ably assisted by my faithful Bible-woman Lieu Ging and by Miss Rouse, who devoted much time to this work until obliged to leave for Kucheng.

We must also express our thanks to Miss Wilkinson for her invaluable assistance in times of sickness and death. When I was forbidden by my physician to go to the Orphanage on account of my own children, Miss Wilkinson stepped in and took my place and did all that posibly could be done. She has indeed fulfilled the law of Christ, "Bear ye one another's burden."

256 letters have been written to friends and patrons of the Orphanage, keeping them posted in regard to their little ones and trying to awaken a greater interest in this important work and urging the necessity of some young lady's giving herself to the care and training and teaching of these precious little ones.

May I ask you to continue to pray for us; that ere long the right young lady may be sent for this work; that God will, if consistent with his will, keep from us sickness and death, and that these little ones may grow up in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

LIANG AU MEDICAL WORK.

For the Conference year ending Nov. 1895.

Several things of special importance has characterized this years work. Aside from the regular coming and going of patients; the visits paid in homes; the regular preaching of the Gospel in the chapel; the bedside teaching of the in-patients and the Dispensary work.

Jan. 18th three of our students who had been with us six years were graduated from the Hospital and received their certificates. This making the third class to receive our certificates. These three women had been faithful hard working painstaking students and we felt well repaid for all our labor on their behalf. Uong Cio Dung *Sing Sang Niong*, Uong Cio Hwa, *Sing Sang Niong*, Ho Cang Saeng, *Sing Sang Niong*. With the exception of Uong Cio Hwa, *Sing Sang Niong*, we were able to keep these women with us. Ho *Sing Sang Niong* going into the city to assist Dr. Lyon and Uong Cio Dung to open Medical work in Ming-chiang. Great had been our hopes for Medical work in that District and our student gave fair promise of success, but alas after a few months of labor appreciated by all she succumbed to the disease which so short a time ago deprived her of her husband and now she is patiently waiting the time when she shall be called from her sufferings here below to her reward above, where she will hear her Lord say, as much as ye did it unto the sick ye did it unto me. Several itinerating trips were planned but we were able to make only one, that to Ming-chiang. Free Dispensary work was held in eight different places and

hundreds of people were seen. A small admittance fee was asked and nearly all seemed willing to pay it. We trust this visit was not without profit to many souls as well as bodies. All the Ministers entered into this work and assisted by every means in their power; preaching many times a day and doing much personal work among those who came for Medicine. It was a great pleasure to find amongst some of the earnest christians those who had become so, as the fruit of a similar trip some years ago. This fall Hü King Eng, *E Seng* has returned to us and now we hope to add her to the excellent corps of teachers we all ready have at the Hospital, and with her splendid training received in America, she ought to attract to our Medical School a large class of students. To our Matron, Teachers, Assistants and Students we owe much of the success that has been ours. In order to make our work what it ought to be we need more largely the co-operation of the Christians of our Conference. We christians are not a large band of people and we ought to stand by and support each others work. If the Ministers would talk a little more about our Hospital and would try to get the sick in their parish to come to us and if the christian women would come to us more frequently and pray for us constantly, it would commend our work to the Heathen. Any thing that we are greatly interested in ourselves we can interest others in. We ask you to pray for us this coming year that Gods blessing may rest upon us and that many of our patients may become christians.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Patients in the Wards - - - - - -	228
Patients seen in Dispensaries - - -	3,985
Visits made at bedsides - - - - -	1,305
Total persons seen - - - - - -	5,518
,, Prescriptions written and filled -	7,039
,, ,, ,, not filled -	50

MARY ELINE CARLETON, M.D.
LUELLA M. MASTERS, M.D.

WOOLSTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, FOOCHOW CITY.

How the time flies! It seems as if we had had only a good breath since we were writing reports for last Conference.

Yet we can see that a little has been accomplished, and many things encourage us on in our work, as we take a retrospective view.

Hospital work is monotonous and not much in it that is of interest to the general reader, so please pardon brevity.

This is the second year of this hospital's work. The people are hearing more about us, as our fame (?) spreads, consequently we have a few more in-patients than was recorded last year, so more have been healed of their bodily ailments, and have heard the story of Jesus, and we are cheered by the greater-interest manifested for the word.

One Bible-woman reports that eight, have become out and out christians and have joined the church, and that sixteen others are believers and wish to join but have been prevented by their husbands or other members of their families in their homes. She adds, that in no other year of her work have the patients been so willing to listen and be taught, but for an example of the other side let me cite a case of a woman brought to us covered with boils, with a high fever, and unable to retain food of any kind on her stomach. She said she had had cholera first previous to coming to us. She and her friends thought we had made a wonderful cure and after she left they paraded the streets with horns carrying a board painted black with gilt characters of praise which they presented to us and hung in our little chapel and waiting room; yet, she would scarcely listen to us as we told her of the Great Physician, saying that she promised the idol one thousand cash, and more earnest worship if he (or it) would allow her to be healed by the foreign physician. She surprized us by coming back to services the Sunday following her departure, and she listened attentively to the sermon. Once since she has returned for medicine, and replied to the Huoi Mu—bible woman. "I now want to believe but my son objects."

(Her husband is dead). We gave her some tracts for the son to read, but have seen nor heard nothing more of her.

As we have been called to the homes of the rich and poor, official and literati, we have been listened to, not only with willingness, but with eagerness, in many cases.

I have had two of our graduates with me for helpers, and splendid work have they done for the Master. They, with the Bible woman, carried on the work with good success during the summer. Our little hospital is packed in between Chinese houses and we all know how cholera raged this summer. It was so common to see the sick, dying, and dead lying in the narrow dirty streets that it took all their strength, courage and fortitude often to go out to their dispensaries and cases, but they worked bravely on and would write to me "Don't come down in the heat and bad odors for it will make you ill."

The situation of the hospital is such that I could not remain here as late in the spring as we usually remain at our work, and the hospital had to be left to these two young Chinese women.

Yet while away I was not idle, for missionaries and community people get sick as well as other people and I was kept quite busy with them, besides seeing a few Chinese, but as the Physicians of the American Board were making a business of them I did but little in that direction.

During the year, our members have not been great. We can accommodate but eighteen in-patients comfortably at a time but our figures are as follows:

Dispensary patients - - - -	2,520
Hospital in-patients - - - -	131
Patients seen at visits - - - -	440
Ku-liang, and city Prescriptions given	3,678

We again this year ask for your prayers, for the longer we

remain in China the greater is our faith in prayer, and much can you do for these poor sin sick as well as bodily ill people. Pray for us.

Respectfully submitted.

ELLEN M. LYON.

BIBLE WOMEN FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

At the beginning of this year, three women were employed as Bible-women on this District, one at East Street in the city, one at Lu-loi, and one at Cing Sing Dong. The latter I dismissed at Chinese New Year. Since then the evangelistic work in that neighborhood, has been done in connection with the large afternoon Sunday School by Mrs. Uong Lieu Ging. Her work has resulted in much good. At East Street and Lu-loi, too, our sisters have been faithful and diligent and their work has not been without fruit.

In April, a Bible-woman was sent to work at Su-liang Dong but in August I found it necessary to dismiss her, and since then no one has been regularly employed there. From these four fields we have the following report.

More than 5000 have heard the gospel. Ten have been baptized and fifteen received on probation.

On account of my regular work in the Anglo-Chinese College I have not been able to do justice to this work. But Miss Rouse during her stay in Foochow has been of great assistance in the work. Since October first she has had five women in training from which number she hopes to recruit the regular working force. These women report having visited over one hundred and fifty homes and spoken to one thousand three hundred people. One of them has persuaded three probationers to unbind their feet.

Miss Rouse has had some most interesting experiences and has already seen fruit from her labors in women turning from their idols,

and in the many calls to visit in new homes. Eleven villages have asked to have Bible-women sent to them, and from as many more have been received invitations to homes. Who will carry the Bread of Life to our perishing sisters?

Respectfully submitted.

SARAH M. BOSWORTH.

DAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE WOMEN, HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

The Day School teachers and Bible-women of Hok-chiang District have not had the excellent supervision of Miss Trimble this year.

But I believe they are doing their work to please the Lord and not to please men and therefore did their best. I will first speak of the Woman's School at Ngu-cheng. Mr. Plumb and Mrs. Ding Cio Sai have had charge of this school. Nineteen women have been in school this year. Three of them graduated at the end of the 5th month. (The first 5th month) I have been told that good work has been done by teachers and students.

The school has not been opened since the close of the 5th month.

DAY SCHOOLS.

There have been eleven day-schools this year with a total attendance of 141 pupils. The school at Hai Yeu has had the largest attendance.

I am sorry I have not been able to go to see each school, for I want to get acquainted with teachers and pupils.

Mr. Plumb and the pastors where the schools are located have kindly examined them, for which they have my thanks.

BIBLEWOMEN.

Two Bible-women have been at work all the year, and two more have been working since the Woman's School closed.

God has given to Biblewomen and School teachers a very important work to do. If you do this work well,—if you do your best—it will not only please God, but it will make you happy in this world and add to your happiness in Heaven.

You, who are working to turn sinners to righteousness, remember what the Bible says in Daniel 12th chapter, 3rd verse. (Please write the verse).

MABLE ALLEN.

HING-HUA CITY AND ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

In regard to the work I've been appointed to do I want to give honor to all the native helpers who have worked with me. There are 24 helpers so I cannot name all. All will know by looking at the list of appointments that my work is only that of supervision.

I.—Hamilton Girl's School.
II.—Juliet Turner Woman's School.
III.—Hing-hua City Evangelistic work and Day Schools.
IV.—Ing-chung Girl's and Woman's Boarding School.
V.—Ing-chung Day Schools.
IV.—Ing-chung Bible-women.

I.—Hamilton Girls School has enrolled for the year 88 pupils, 86 of whom were in School during the Spring term, beginning the first Chinese month. We had to turn away many girls for lack of room and money.

DEPORTMENT.—With the exception of a group of girls who for a few weeks fell into temptation and disobedience the girls have given us little trouble.

STUDY.—The work done by pupils has been faithful and effective. The Committee on examination did excellent work and gave good honest marks, therefore some of the girls have to study one book

again. With a careless committee they would have passed. Rev. Ding Cing Guong died and his place is not yet filled. He was teacher of Chinese classics.

Religious Life.—Our school was blessed greatly in the revival. The lives of many were transformed.

The school is divided into six classes with class leaders and each class holds a meeting once a week.

The girls all belong to Epworth or Junior Leagues.

God has blessed us.—We hope to reopen school after Conference and carry on the work interrupted by our being ordered to stay in Foochow.

II. Juliet Turner Woman's School. We have had this past term 35 women in school. There is a growing desire on the part of the women to learn. We received but one in three of the applicants recommended by Quarterly Conferences for entrance the first month. The women did well in their examinations both in the Preparatory Romanized School and in the Regular classical Bible course.

There is a great demand for our women as workers in the ripe harvest field. The good work, those gone out are doing encourages us to go on in training others.

We have outgrown our quarters and rejoice in another gift from Mrs. Turner to enlarge or move our School to another larger place.

III. Two Regular Bible-women and two assistants have been working under my supervision this year. The two in the City have been of great help to the Pastor in looking after the women of the Church and in bringing in great numbers of new women and also in collecting pastor's money. One woman is employed and lives in the Leper chapel to teach that poor people how to be saved, so that while they are so wretched in this life they may go to the Heavenly Kingdom where the inhabitants never say "I am sick."

We have had two day-schools, one in the City where most of the pupils were children of women in the school, but several pupils of

christians from the City also came in. They took about the same work as other schools. The second school was in the Leper village with 15 pupils. We gave a dinner costing less than one cent each to the pupils. It was surprising to see how much and throughly these poor afflicted ones learned. One woman led to Christ in the school died and requested a Christian burial, which her heathen husband gladly allowed.

This is a mere outline of work done.

IV.—Ing-chung Girl's and Woman's School had 15 girls and 9 women.

I personally visited the School in May and found all just as the monthly reports had led me to expect. The girls were obedient and studious and are very bright, fine girls. We had a great loss in death of Sia Lieng Li teacher in the school. The women had most of them learned to read the Amoy Romanized readily, and were prepared to begin character study at the begining of the next year. We hope much from this school. As long as we can have such efficient native supervision as this year, these schools should be kept open even if no missionary is sent there.

V.—Four Day Schools have been carried on with success. I have not been able to visit these schools except at Hu Iong, but the Presiding Elder has given them much care. All their effectiveness has been due to the teachers work and this work of the Elder. I have sent messages and orders and visited one school at Hu Iong in May.

VI.—Bible-women. We have had but one woman at work this year. She has been at Hu Iong and worked faithfully in that and adjoining villages.

Many interesting things in regard to all this work might be given to show you how God has led and helped but our report already fills much space.

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH FISHER BREWSTER.

HING-HUA WOMAN'S WORK.

DAY SCHOOLS, BIBLEWOMEN, EVANGELISTIC AND SING-IU WOMAN'S SCHOOL.

Last year I was appointed to the Poleng and Sing-iu Day Schools, Biblewomen and Evangelistic work, and Sing-iu Woman's School. Have been as careful of time and opportunity as I knew how to be, but so much work has had to be left undone and many times my heart has been sad to have to refuse some call to visit a school or village where the Biblewoman or people were very anxious to have us go.

We visited the schools, and some of the circuits where we have Biblewomen, twice this year and should have gone again this last quarter had we not been detained in Foochow on account of the Ku-cheng troubles, but the examinations were given into the hands of the Presiding Elders and preachers who very kindly did it for us and by the reports rendered show that it was well done.

They have our hearty thanks not only for this but for other assistance in the past. Though knowing it would be well done I longed to return to Hing-hua where a different dialect made it possible to do personal work among the people.

There are 25 Day Schools this year. A few have only 8 and 10 students while others have 20 and more, the largest being 27 pupils.

The teachers have given more time to the meaning and spiritual teachings of the books this year and altogether it has been a successful one.

There are 25 Biblewomen. Some have been in prosperous places, while others have had hard work with little visible success, some have done excellent work, while others have not had the Spirit in such large measure and their work has not had the results in soul saving it might have had.

The Sing-iu Woman's School studied only the Romanized last year, but this year have had a class studying the Classical character as they could not be received into the Poleng School, as formerly,

when they had finished the Romanized course. There have been 22 in all this year, sixteen a term.

They have done well in the amount and quality of work done both in the school and in the village visiting, which was commenced this year, the women going out 2 and 3 afternoons of each week, two by two, with Mr. Deng. This visiting has been a blessing not only to them but to the homes where they have gone.

As we look over the reports from all these lines of work our heart is made glad by the great willingness to hear the Gospel and receive the Light. The Holy Spirit has been so working in the hearts of the people that it was possible to carry a message of love and blessing into any village and receive an attentive hearing and an invitation to return soon again.

We ask your prayers that the Lord's cause may continue to prosper and His name be glorified.

Respectfully submitted.

MINNIE E. WILSON.

XVII. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, Presiding Elder.

Post Office, Foochow.

Au ong-ga,—Ung Hong Siong.

Foochow,—Ching-sing Dong, Hu Bo Mi, one to be supplied.

Hok-ing Dong,—Dang Seng Ling.

Sieu-liang Dong,—To be supplied.

Tieng-ang Dong,—Uong Di Gi.

West-gate,—Co Kong Ching.

Iek-iong,—Li Ko Dung.

Lu-loi,—To be supplied.

Ngie-cang,—Ling Dieu Gek.

Ngu-kang,—Ding Daing Dieu.

Nguong-die,—Uong Gi Uong.

Puo-a,—Dong Cing Ga.

W. H. Lacy, Superintendent Mission Press; Member of Cing-sing Dong Quarterly Conference.

N. J. Plumb, President School of Theology; Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Worley, Uong Di Gi, Sia Tieng Ang Professors School of Theology; Sia Tieng Ang, Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. B. Smyth, President of the Anglo-Chinese College, Principal of Boys' Boarding School and Editor of Fohkien Church Advocate; Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. S. Miner, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College, Superintendent of Day Schools supported by special gifts; Member of Sieu-liang Dong Quarterly Conference.

Sia Sek Ong, Associate Editor Fohkien Christian Advocate; Member of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

Miss S. M. Bosworth, Mrs. G. B. Smyth, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, and Mrs. G. S. Miner, Instructors in the Anglo-Chinese College.

HAI TANG DISTRICT.

Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder.

G. S. Miner, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Dai-bang,—Ung Seng Chuang.
Dai-ho,—To be supplied.
Dai-liang,—To be supplied.
Den-chiong,—To be supplied.
Ngü-seu and Bak-sua,—Ü Sieu E.
Tang-tau,—Cheng Ung Uong.

HOK CHIANG DISTRICT.

Ngoi Gi Lang, Presiding Elder.

G. H. Worley, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Deng-aing,—Ling Mi Ing.
Deng-cheng,—To be supplied.
Geng-giang,—Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ho Ik Ngüng.
Ha-gong-ing,—To be supplied.
Hai-iu,—Huong Daik Chiong.
Hai-kau,—To be supplied.

Ha-ü,—To be supplied.
Hok-chiang City,—Sie Seng Cang, Ciong Hok Chü,
Ngu-cheng,—Ho Dieu Ieu, Siek Gi Ciong.
Ngü-ka,—Ü Siu Ling.
Sang-sang,—To be supplied.
Siek-gëng,—Li Gi Chiong, Ung Uong Cui.
Sing-dong,—To be supplied.
Siong-gong-ing,—Uong Hung Ngüong.

BUO-DIENG DISTRICT.

Li Diong Cui, Presiding Elder.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Bak-go-lau,—To be supplied.
Bing-hai,—Ling Ming Sang, Li Ko Ding, two to be supplied.
Buo-hi,—To be supplied.
Cheng-cai,—Ngu Ing Gi.
Chung-dieng,—Saeng Hok Ming.
Deng-nguong,—Uong Deng Huong.
Dëng-sang,—Diong Hok Gi.
Gang-kau,—Ding Soi Ling.
Guang-au,—Siek Sek Diong.
Hang-gëng,—To be supplied.
Hing-hua City,—Ding Nik Sing.
Hong-ciak and Deng-cio,—Uong Tieng Siong.
Kang-back,—Ding Tieng Buoi.
Kia-siok,—To be supplied.
Nang-nik,—Ling Cing Cieng.
Sa-huong,—Saeng Bang Ciong.

Song-dai-li,—To be supplied.

W. N. Brewster Principal Bible Training School and Boys' Boarding School.

Hü Caik Hang, Assistant Principal Bible Training School; Member of Hing-hua City Quarterly Conference.

Saeng Hok Lieng, Monitor Boys' Boarding School; Member of Hing-hua City Quarterly Conference.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

Iong Daik Cheu, Presiding Elder.

N. J. Plumb, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chiak-cui,—Ung Guok Hing.

Cheng-cui-ding,—To be supplied.

Ching-cui-de,—To be supplied.

Dai-cheng,—Ceng Cong Ming, one to be supplied.

Daik-hua,—Song Guong Huo, one to be supplied.

Hu-iong,—To be supplied.

Ing-chung City,—To be supplied.

Maeng-u,—To be supplied.

Ngu-bo,—To be supplied.

To-Nguong,—To be supplied.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

Iek Ing Guang, Presiding Elder.

M. C. Wilcox, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chong-tau,—Diong Ming Dung.

Ding-sang,—Ling Ui Sieng.

Dio-a,—Ding Siu Küng.

Dong-huang,—Ling Siu Ing.

Duai-giang,—Ding Bo Cing.
Go-iong,—Ding Bek Dak.
Huang-di-iong,—Supply.
Huang-kang,—To be supplied.
Ku-cheng City,—Tiang Ngük Cëü, one to be supplied.
Ku-de,—Ling Ching Mi, one to be supplied.
Liang-nang,—Ding Iok Nguong, two to be supplied.
Loi-hung,—Ling Dieu Daik.
Sek-baik-du,—Tiang Ngük Chiu.
Seng-iong and Dio-siong,—To be supplied.
Seng-lëng and Gang-ka,—Ling Heng Tung, one to be supplied.
Ting Ung Tieu, Superintendent W. F. M. S. Schools.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Ciong Daik Liong, Presiding Elder.

G. B. Smyth, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chek-du,—To be supplied.
Ciong-iong,—To be supplied.
Lek-du,—Ding Daik Liong, Ding Tieng Buoi.
Ne-du,—Ding Cing Seng, two to be supplied.
Sek-ek-du,—Li Guong Sieu.
Sek-lek-du,—To be supplied.
Sek-ngo-du,—Lau Guang Hung, two to be supplied.
Sek-se-du,—Uong Huong Sing.

SIENG-IU DISTRICT.

Ling Ming Ciong, Presiding Elder.

W. N. Brewster, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Buo-moi,—Saeng Ngük Chung, two to be supplied,
Chiong-ong,—Li Nga Hung, two to be supplied.

Cia-sang,—Ling Seng Eü, two to be supplied.
Deng-liong,—To be supplied.
Gie-dieng,—To be supplied.
Gieng-sang,—Ding Nik Ong.
Hu-sang,—To be supplied.
Lieng-cü,—Ding Ga Sing, three to be supplied.
Lieng-hua,—Uong Nguk Ciong, two to be supplied.
Lung-hu-sang,—To be supplied.
Sieng-iu City,—Ling Hung Cho.
Ung-sü,—Dong Sieng Nguong.
R. L. McNabb, Absent on leave.
E. R. Jellison, R. O. Irish, Tsu Tsing Cheu, Liu Mo Yi, Wuh Tek Yuen, Tsai Tek Kao, Wang Siao Shan, Hu Chi Pin, Tien Yü Ming, Hwang Taz Sing, Chang Shük Liang, J. F. Newman, Missionary in Central China Mission.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY WORK.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Foochow Girls' Boarding School,—Miss Julia Bonafield, Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson.
Foochow Woman's School,—Miss Mary Peters.
Orphanage,—Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy, Miss Mable Allen.
Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Willma H. Rouse.
Liang-au Hospital Evangelistic Work,—Miss Mary Peters.
Medical Work,—Dr. Ellen M. Lyon, Dr. Luella M. Masters, Dr. Hü King Eng.
General Medical Work,—Dr. Mary Eline Carleton.
Student of the Language,—Miss Allie Linam.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Woman's School, Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Mary Peters.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Mable Allen, Miss Julia Bonafield.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Lydia A. Wilkinson.

HING-HUA DISTRICT.

Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Minnie E. Wilson.

Woman's School and Girls' Boarding School,—Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Brewster.

Medical Work,—Dr. Julia M. Donahue.

Student of the Language,—Miss Phœbe Wells.

SIENG-IU DISTRICT.

Woman's School, Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Minnie E. Wilson.

ING-CHUNG DISTRICT.

Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Brewster, Miss Minnie E. Wilson.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

Woman's School, Girls' Boarding School, Day Schools Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Willma H. Rouse.

Student of the Language,—Miss Althea Todd.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

Day Schools and Bible Woman's Work,—Miss Willma H. Rouse.

ABSENT IN AMERICA.

Miss Carrie I. Jewell, Miss Lydia A. Trimble, and Miss Ruth Marie Sites.

XVIII. STATISTICAL TABLES.

GEO. S. MINER, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Tabulated Statistics do not include the following items:—

Foreign Missionaries	8
Assistant Foreign Missionaries	6
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.	14

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers*	6
" " Native teachers	7
" " Students	153
Foochow Theological School, Foreign teachers*	1
" " " Native teachers	3
" " " Students	23
Hing-hua Biblical Training School, Foreign teachers*	1
" " " Native teachers	3
" " " Scholars	41
W. F. M. S. Four Girls' Boarding Schools, Native teachers	15
" " " Scholars	239
" Seven Women's Schools: scholars	134
" Hospital Students	6
" Orphanage, No. of Foundlings	28

PROPERTY.

Anglo-Chinese College, Dormitory and Apparatus	$22,000
Nine Residences at Foochow, Hing-hua and Ku-cheng	22,000
Two Native parsonages†	1,700
W. F. M. S. Foochow Girls' Boarding School and Residence	14,000
" " Women's School and Residence	5,000
" " Two Hospitals and Residence	9,500
" " Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage	2,000
" Hing-hua, Juliet Turner Memorial Women's School	375
" " Hamilton Girls' Boarding School	1,150
Wiley General Hospital, Kucheng	6,000
Theological School and Foochow Mission Press Building	5,000
Mission Press Type, Presses, &c.	15,000

*Included under "Foreign and Assistant Missionaries."

†Other native parsonages are generally built in connection with the "Chapels," and their valuation is there included.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Boys in Boarding Schools
Foochow District.												
Tieng-ang Dong	2	8	2	166	87	46	400	400	130	35	20	50
Cing-Sing „	1	1	..	39	31	17	69	50	6	6	..	..
Hok-ing „	1	..	1	32	10	15	100	70	13	13	6	..
Siu-liang „	1	1	3	31	46	9	80	100	14	21	5	..
Ba-hu Chong	..	1	..	11	17	10	30	50	4	6	3	..
Puo-ha	..	1	1	18	12	14	40	50	7	15	10	..
Lu-loi	..	1	..	29	31	12	40	50	29	19	10	..
Ngie-cang	..	2	..	5	10	..	30	55	3	13	..	..
Iek-iong	..	3	..	45	216	16	80	250	10	20	6	..
Ngu-kang	1	..	..	59	30	15	210	490	9	9	2	..
Nguong-die	..	3	..	34	160	10	40	310	51	25	10	..
Totals	6	21	7	469	650	164	1119	1875	276	180	72	50
Hok-chiang District.												
Hok-chiang City	2	3	2	80	139	34	220	200	100	21	7	30
A-u	1	3	1	70	67	80	110	130	3	3	2	..
Siek-geng	..	2	1	152	200	91	140	250	50	18	16	..
Sang-sang	..	1	..	27	60	9	50	70	3	3	..	..
Deng-cheng	1	1	..	22	10	17	50	50	20	10	6	..
Deng-aing	1	..	..	38	39	35	60	60	12	12	3	..
Hai-iu	1	6	1	101	160	56	360	400	37	16	15	..
Geng-giang	1	1	2	132	154	120	460	434	69	9	11	..
Hai-kau	1	2	..	52	74	23	150	150	20	25	4	..
Gong-ing	..	2	..	75	131	64	140	180	6	4	7	..
Ngu-cheng	1	11	4	175	290	148	550	480	80	23	14	..
Ngu-ka	1	2	1	30	77	18	120	120	20	8	..	..
Au-puo	1	..	..	6	34	3	40	40	15	5	1	..
Sing-dong	1	4	1	133	194	75	320	350	10	3	9	..
Totals	12	38	13	1093	1629	773	2770	2914	445	160	95	30
Ing-chung District.												
Ing-chung City	1	2	1	41	25	13	54	70	4	5	4	..
Hu-iong	1	1	5	39	4	28	127	102	1	..	..	..
Daik-hua	2	2	..	29	12	19	70	60	5	8	3	..
Chiak-cui	1	..	1	26	3	14	30	29	4	3	5	..
Dai-cheng	1	1	1	22	12	4	45	40	3	5	..	..
Uang-hu	..	1	..	20	8	2	22	25	1	1	..	..
Ngu-bo	..	1	..	24	5	7	26	27	2	2	1	..
To-nguong	..	2	..	25	36	5	70	80	4	4	2	..
Totals	6	10	8	226	105	92	434	433	24	28	15	..

OOCHOW CONFERENCE.

No. of Day-Scholars.	No. of Sabbath-Schools.	No. of Sabbath-Scholars.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Halls and other Rented places of Worship.	Collected for Bishop's Support.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.	Collected for the General Conference Expenses.
240	8	500	1	$ 3400	..	$11.84	$ 81.20	$ 15.10	$215.30	$ 30.00	$ 31.40	$ 9.30
56	4	500	1	2000	..	1.00	15.00	3.50	18.00	8.00	8.00	....
74	1	40	..	....	1	1.00	8.00	1.92	27.00	45.00	1.89	1.00
18	4	170	1	300	..	30	10.00	....	21.00	....	3.20	.30
96	1	20	..	....	1	....	15.00	.80	5.00	....	.70	....
27	1	36	..	....	1	....	2.00	.75	7.00	....	1.00	....
38	1	26	..	....	1	50	1.00	1.22	2.70	....	....	.50
70	3	60	..	....	1	....	1.00	.25	....	....	....	....
71	1	100	1	500	1	1.00	1.50	.56	7.50	....	1.00	1.00
55	4	100	2	....	1	1.00	6.00	.26	13.50	10.00	....	1.00
31	4	200	1	900	..	....	2.00	....	....	....	2.00	....
76	32	1752	7	$ 7100	7	$16.64	$142.70	$ 24.36	$315.00	$ 93.00	$ 49.49	$13.10
7	5	175	2	$ 2950	4	..	$ 6.00	$ 2.00	$ 40.00	$ 163.00	$ 42 00	...
7	2	40	2	1400	..	..	4.00	1.00	33.00	10.00	10.00	....
4	2	70	5	2500	2	..	6.00	...	60.00	220.00	94.44	....
4	1	10	..	....	1	..	1 50	1.00	16.00	....	20.00	...
.	1	20	..	...	1	..	1.00	1.00	5.00	40.00	10.00	....
9	3	54	2	220	..	..	1.50	..	20.00	5.00	10.00	....
3	6	77	5	2360	..	..	5.00	7.20	58.00	49.50	42.00	...
1	6	136	7	1268	1	..	7.00	2.20	72.00	6.00	66.60	....
0	3	50	2	911	..	..	6.00	2.50	40.00	71.00	55.00	....
.	4	170	3	980	1	..	3.00	1.60	44.00	...	32.00	...
0	7	125	3	460	1	..	10.00	3.00	110.00	300.00	100 00	....
1	3	80	2	150	2	..	3.00	.71	10.60	120.00	20 00	....
.	2	15	..	....	1	..	2.00	....	7.90	...	14.00	....
7	7	220	4	1860	3	..	5.65	3.00	52.00	400.00	66.04	....
3	52	1242	37	$15039	17	$ 8.00	$61.65	$ 25.21	$568.50	$1384.50	$581.43	$ 8.00
.	2	38	.	.. .	2	$ .50	$ 4.00	$ 3.18	$ 20.00	....	....	....
9	1	40	1	$ 2900	..	.50	4 00	.50	24.60	....	....	....
.	2	30	1	450	1	.46	2.40	2.60	16.60	....	....	....
.	1	26	1	640	..	.40	3.00	.70	18.00	....	....	...
.	1	40	1	500	1	.30	1.50	1.78	18.70	$ 12.00	....	....
.	1	16	..	....	1	.40	2.00	1.30	5.00	...	....	....
.	1	12	..	....	1	.30	2.00	1.95	6.20	....	. ..	....
.	2	38	1	310	1	.30	4.50	.68	21.21	....	....	....
9	11	240	5	4800	7	3.16	23.40	12.69	130.31	$ 12.00	....	....

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Boys in Boarding Schools	No. of Day Schools
Ming-chiang District.													
Ne-du	2	2	..	60	96	22	200	80	.	28	5	..	
Lek-du	2	1	1	117	80	48	270	200	..	21	8	..	
Sek-ek-du	..	2	1	38	32	12	110	80	..	9	3	..	
Sek-se-du	..	2	2	54	40	11	95	65	..	3	..	..	
Sek-ngo-du	1	3	2	95	113	48	220	180	..	12	8	..	
Totals	5	10	6	364	361	141	895	605	..	73	24	..	3
Hai-tang District.													
Tang-tau	2	2	1	34	33	21	20	50	3	..	..	..	
Ngieu-sëü	1	2	3	66	154	24	30	150	10	12	2	..	
Duai-bang	1	3	1	44	25	25	50	80	4	9	3	..	
Dai-ho	1	1	1	57	23	19	25	100	13	24	6	..	
Sang-le	1	2	1	63	87	33	32	115	9	11	6	..	
Total	6	10	7	264	322	122	157	495	39	56	17	..	1
Buo-dieng District.													
Hing-hua City	6	2	11	266	350	73	100	500	..	100	39	60	
Guang-au	1	3	3	84	267	43	80	300	..	37	2	..	
Bing-hai	2	4	4	94	123	115	200	400	..	51	13	..	1
Hong-ciak	..	3	1	30	113	25	80	180	..	18	9	..	
Buo-hi	..	2	3	32	30	23	38	75	..	17	8	..	
Hang-geng	..	2	1	42	60	42	25	145	..	24	10	..	
Dëng-sang	..	2	..	52	100	23	20	100	..	9	9	..	
Ka-bok	..	2	3	71	120	58	40	320	..	88	18	..	
Sa-huong	..	2	2	30	150	19	30	160	..	27	6	..	
Bah-go-lau	..	1	1	16	60	4	30	50	..	4	2	..	
Dang-moi	..	2	3	16	71	12	30	60	..	12	5	..	
Nang-nik	2	1	3	58	88	18	67	170	..	20	..	..	
Heok-sik	2	1	2	51	80	24	120	160	..	22	13	..	
Dang-sua	.	3	2	39	101	5	50	170		30	3	..	
Siong-tai	..	1	1	16	40	2	100	100	..	21	2	..	
Totals	13	31	40	897	1753	486	1010	2890	..	480	139	60	
Sieng-iu District.													
Sieng-iu City	2	1	2	79	150	38	200	200	..	41	10	..	
Lieng-cü	1	3	4	82	198	30	280	200	.	22	8	..	
Tauk-sang	1	1	3	69	40	30	60	150	.	14	13	..	
Buo-moi	1	3	2	40	172	19	100	140	.	26	5	..	
Chiong-ung	2	2	3	69	140	19	20	190	..	27	2	..	
Lëüng-hua	1	2	2	49	113	29	52	170	..	14	16	..	
Gieng-sang	..	2	1	31	60	10	50	80	..	7	2	..	
Ung-sü	..	1	1	40	41	19	70	60	..	1	3	.	
Lëüng-hu sang	..	2	1	35	56	19	52	..	..	8	1	..	
Gie-cheng	..	3	..	61	70	9	40	150	..	21	..	..	
Hu-sang	..	2	1	13	25	8	40	40	..	9	..	..	
Totals	8	22	20	568	1065	230	964	1380	..	190	58	..	

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137	4	140	1	$ 450	5	....	$ 2.50	$ 1.00	$ 5.25	$ 10.00	....	....
132	4	160	1	1,200	6	...	7 00	1.50	22.00	....	....	...
94	3	56	.	....	4	....	1.50	.50	6.00	....	....	....
73	2	60	1	120	1	....	2.00	.80	6.50	15.00	...	....
99	3	120	.	.. .	6	...	4.00	4.00	14.50	24.00	$ 18.00	....
535	16	536	3	1,770	22	$ 1.50	$ 17.00	$ 7.80	$ 54.25	$ 49.00	$ 18.00	....
21	2	23	1	$ 1,100	..	$ 1.00	7.50	$ .80	$ 15.00	$ 10.00	....	....
53	4	180	1	1,200	..	1.00	5.00	6.00	61.50	20.00	$ 8.50	....
40	2	40	2	620	..	.50	2.00	1 00	13.00	75.00	1.50	....
55	3	60	..	...	1	.70	1.80	1.50	18.50	4.10	5.50	....
32	2	50	1	80)	..	1.00	3.50	....	28.00	10.00	2.50	....
201	13	353	5	$ 3,72)	1	$ 4.20	$ 19.80	9.30	136.00	$ 119.10	$ 18.00	....
192	2	400	8	$11,700	3	$ 1.00	$ 125.00	$166.92	$233.08	$211.79	$34.51	$ .50
41	4	60	2	1,200	2	.50	22.00	38.00	64.00	3.00	20.00	.50
188	4	200	3	274	4	.50	20.00	18.00	63.50	2.00	5.75	.50
66	3	110	..	....	3	.25	7.20	6.10	26.00	14.00	36.50	.25
32	3	70	2	200	..	30	5 00	4.45	19.00	24.00	1.50	.20
..	2	60	1	300	1	.50	20.00	16.85	42.55	10.00	4.80	.50
23	3	25	1	135	2	.50	9.40	9.90	27.00	3.20	15.00	.50
68	3	160	4	750	..	1.00	12.00	9.45	46.00	26.00	15.70	.50
48	3	150	..	....	3	·50	4.00	3.50	16.00	5.90	....	.30
.	1	11	2	300	..	....	4.00	4.70	10.50	...	8.30	..
57	2	45	..	..	2	.30	11.00	10.10	13.00	....	7.70	.30
78	3	115	1	250	2	.50	10.90	7.40	39.50	16.00	3 50	.40
80	4	70	3	300	..	.50	10.00	8.00	32.00	2.00	1.50	.30
68	2	35	..	..	2	.50	12.00	10.50	27.80	7.00	2.00	.50
..	..	..	1	60	1	.20	2.00	1.00	9.50	...	....	....
941	39	1511	28	$15,469	25	$ 7 05	$ 274.50	$314.87	$669.43	$324.89	$156.56	$5.25
15	2	200	1	$ 2,200	1	$ .50	$ 3.20	$ .72	$ 69.00	...	$ .84	....
22	4	80	2	1,300	2	1.00	4.80	2.15	58.00	$ 40.00	22.75	....
16	2	120	2	1,000	1	.50	2.00	7.42	41.00	16.00	6.50	$ .50
14	4	80	1	400	2	.50	3.00	3.36	65.00	20.00	32.00	.50
19	3	100	1	1,400	2	.50	2.00	7.98	44.00	7.00	14.60	.50
9	3	108	2	1,500	1	.50	2.00	10.65	65.00	34.58	37.56	.50
..	2	50	2	450	..	.50	2.50	7.00	40.00	....	7.00	.50
8	1	40	1	200	..	.50	....	...	26.00	....	6.00	....
..	2	40	2	300	..	.50	3.00	6.00	45.00	....	15.00	....
..	3	80	2	300	2	.50	2.00	.50	20.00	20.00	15.00	.50
..	3	25	...	472	4	.50	1.00	.50	11.00	...	12.80	....
103	29	923	16	$ 9,522	15	$ 6.00	$ 25.50	$46.28	$ 484.00	$137.58	170.05	$3.00

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Native Workers of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adherents.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.	Conversions during the year.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Boys in Boarding Schools	No. of Girls in Boarding Schools
Ku-cheng District.													
Liang-nang	2	3	6	138	67	61	15	280	10	61	24	..	
Sek-baik-du	2	2	3	57	80	20	16	137	6	14	3	..	
Seng-lung	1	..	3	52	16	25	10	50	5	14	6	..	
Ku-de	1	6	3	126	110	31	30	195	11	9	15	..	
Duai-giang	1	..	2	20	10	12	28	97	7	3	2	..	
Dong-huang	1	2	2	38	4	18	12	70	3	5	4	..	
Loi-hung	2	1	2	36	21	11	12	85	12	12	3	..	
Chong-tau	1	..	..	25	14	12	30	60	6	6	3	..	
Seng-iong	1	1	2	36	32	20	8	90	8	15	..	..	
Huang-de-iong	..	2	..	26	25	28	9	90	6	16	10	..	
Ku-cheng City	2	2	8	97	60	48	100	400	46	52	25	..	
Huang-kang	1	1	1	23	15	9	10	60	8	7	2	..	
Dio-ha	1	..	3	78	48	17	35	190	13	5	2	..	
Cing-sang	1	.	1	30	18	9	25	90	6	5	1	..	
Totals	17	20	36	782	520	321	340	1894	147	224	100	30	
Iong-bing District.													
Hu-siang	1	..	..	24	12	12	16	28	6	6	1	..	
Ciong-hu-bang	..	1	..	60	20	33	30	75	12	15	12	..	
Sek-chek-du	1	..	..	12	32	4	12	36	9	14	4	..	
Sek-se-du	1	..	..	14	4	6	8	20	1	1	..	..	
Iu-ka	..	1	.	24	3	4	12	23	3	3	..	..	
Ngo-sek-du	..	1	..	22	6	10	36	30	4	2	1	..	
Sa-ka-kau	..	1	..	16	5	2	24	23	..	.	..	..	
Se-sek-ngo-du	1	..	..	12	6	3	16	17	3	2	1	..	
Hu-nguong	..	1	..	23	9	.	30	30	1	..	..	..	
Song-chiong	..	1	..	21	8	3	20	22	4	4	..	..	
Sa gaing	1	..	..	7	3	..	12	8	1	..	..	..	
Totals	5	6	..	235	108	77	216	312	44	47	19	..	
Summary by Districts.													
Foochow District	6	21	7	469	650	164	2019	1875	276	180	72	50	9
Hok-chiang "	12	38	13	1093	1629	773	2770	2914	445	160	95	30	2
Ing-chung "	6	10	..	226	105	92	434	433	24	28	15	..	
Hai-tang "	6	10	7	264	322	122	157	495	39	56	17	..	1
Buo-dieng "	15	31	40	897	1753	486	1010	2890	..	180	139	60	4
Sieng-iu "	8	22	20	568	1065	230	964	1380	..	190	58	..	
Iong-bing "	5	6	..	235	108	77	216	312	44	47	19	..	
Ku-cheng "	17	20	36	782	520	321	340	1894	147	224	100	30	5
Ming-chiang "	5	10	6	364	361	141	895	605	..	73	24	..	3
Totals for 1895	78	168	129	4898	6513	2406	8805	12798	975	1438	539	170	29
" " 1894	68	130	125	4302	5167	2005	7460	9976	873	1287	479	149	15
Increase	10	38	4	596	1346	401	1345	2822	102	151	60	21	14
Decrease	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	

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116	3	200	1	$ 500	4	$ 1.00	$ 9.00	....	$ 31.00	$ 60.00	$ 2.00	$ .50
96	5	100	1	150	1	.50	4.00	....	12.00	1.00	1.00	.50
48	2	40	..	....	2	.40	3.00	....	10.00	....	....	.20
56	2	100	2	260	..	.95	8 00	....	24.00	....	.. .	.40
44	2	80	1	400	1	.40	3.00	....	7.00	38.80	....	.60
34	1	68	1	300	..	.50	3.00	....	8.00	....	...	.40
30	1	78	1	250	..	.40	3.00	....	12.00	1.20	...	.30
24	1	60	..	....	1	.40	2.00	....	10.00	....	. ..	.50
45	4	60	..	....	2	.40	4.00	....	9.50	...	....	.20
11	1	90	..	...	1	.20	2.00	....	6.50	...	....	.10
390	4	308	1	2,700	1	2.00	10.00	....	36.00	....	5 12	1.75
18	1	60	1	220	..	.25	2.20	....	9.20	3.00	5 00	.25
35	1	236	1	255	..	.60	6.00	....	23.20	....	....	.55
37	2	70	1	90	1	.20	3.00	....	7.05	...	....	.10
984	30	1542	11	$5,125	14	$ 8 20	$ 62.20	....	$205.40	$104.00	$ 13.12	$6.35
35	2	25	1	$ 180	1	$ .20	$ 2.50	$ 1.63	$ 3.00	$ 5.00	$ .36	$ .10
24	1	6	1	700	1	.50	5.00	1.04	15.00	16.00	.50	.40
33	1	28	..	....	1	.20	2.00	...	3.85	27.60	...	.10
..	1	12	1	220	..	.20	3.70	1.35	4.30	45.50	....	.10
..	1	18	..	....	..	.15	2.00	.86	3.00	3.50	....	.10
.	1	18	..	....	1	.20	2.00	2.40	8.80	5.00	....	.10
..	2	18	..	....	..	.20	2.25	....	5.00	5.00	.80	.10
..	1	15	..	....	1	.15	2.00	....	3.43	13.00	....	.10
13	1	20	..	120	..	.40	3.00	3.50	8.30	9.20	....	.20
..	2	23	1	200	1	.20	4.20	2.90	3.77	3.00	....	.10
..	1	9	..	....	..	.10	1.00	.75	1.00	1.00	..	.10
105	14	192	4	$ 1,420	6	$ 2.50	$ 29.65	$ 14.43	$ 59.45	$133.80	$ 1.66	$1.50
376	32	1752	8	$ 7,100	6	$ 16.64	$142.70	$ 24.36	$ 15.00	$3063.00	49.49	$13.10
423	57	1242	37	15,039	17	8.00	61.65	25.21	568.50	1384.50	565.48	8.00
70	11	240	5	4,800	7	3.16	23.40	12.69	130.31	12.00	62.31	....
201	13	353	5	3,720	1	4.20	19.80	9.30	136.00	119.10	18.00	....
941	39	1511	28	15,469	25	7.05	274.50	314.87	669.43	324.89	156.56	5.25
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105	14	192	4	1,420	6	2.50	29.65	14.43	59 45	133.80	1.66	1.50
984	30	1542	11	5,125	14	8.20	62.20	....	205.40	104.00	13.12	6.35
535	16	536	3	1,770	22	1.50	17.00	7.80	54.25	49.00	18.00	....
808	241	8291	117	63,965	113	57.25	656.40	454.95	$2495.50	5327.87	1041.68	37.20
544	194	6161	107	58,329	88	42.90	405.34	193.02	2314.13	2744.80	891.82	....
264	47	2130	10	5,636	25	14.35	251.06	270.64	308.21	2583.08	152.86	37.20
..	..	..	..	....	..	....	...	...	....	....	...	....

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I.

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Treasurer. Geo. B. Smyth.

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On Religious Literature.—N. J. Plumb, Uong Guok Hing, Tiang Siong Hui, Chiong Daik Ming, Tiang Nguk Cheü.

On Temperance.—W. P. Mac Vey, Sie Seng Cang, Ling Ui Sieng, Ding Giu Ü.

On Sabbath Observance.—J. H. Worley, Ling Ching Mi, Uong Di Gi, Ciong Hok Cü.

On State of the Church.—G. B. Smyth, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, Uong Di Gi, Ngoi Gi Lang.

On Conference Relations.—G. B. Smyth, Sia Heng To, Cheng Ung Uong, Diong Hieng Ngieu, G. S. Miner, Ding Siu Küng, Ding Dai Liong.

Board of Conference Stewards.—N. J. Plumb, Dang Seng Ling U Sieu E., Ling Mi Ing, Cheng Cheng Ming, Pang Ding Hie, Ding Yok Nguong, Li Kuong Sieu.

On Self Support.—J. H. Worley, Ling Ching Mi, Sie Seng Cang.

On Epworth League.—Hü Caik Hang, Uong Di Gi, Miss Bosworth.

On Memoirs.—Ding Ung Dieu, Ü Sieu E, Dang Seng Ling.

On Fraternal Relations.—W. P. Mac Vey, Hü Caik Hang Diong Kie Hua.

On Geographical Boundaries.—N. J. Plumb, Huong Pau Seng, Song Guong Huo.

II.

CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

First Day, Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 1896.

Opening.—The Twentieth Session of the Foochow Conference convened at Tieng Ang Dong, Wednesday, November 18th, 1896, at 8.30 A.M. Bishop I. W. Joyce took the chair, a hymn was sung and prayer offered by N. J. Plumb. The 53rd. chapter of Isaiah was read by J. H. Worley. The Bishop read Matthew 26, 17-35 and gave a very inspiring address on the nature of the Communion Service, after which with the aid of Presiding Elders he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, closing with prayer.

Roll Call.—The roll of the Conference was called by the last year's Secretary showing a large attendance.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were then elected.

N. J. Plumb, - - -	English Secretary.
Ciong Hok Cü, - - -	Chinese ,,
Ling Ching Mi, - - -	Assistant Chinese Secretary.
W. A. Main, - - -	Statistical Secretary.
Ding Dai Liong, - -	Assistant Statistical Secretary.
J. H. Worley, - - -	Interpreter.
G. B. Smyth, - - -	Treasurer.

The Bar.—The bar of the Conference was then fixed at the seventh seat from the rostrum.

Introductions.—The Rev. W. A. Main of the DesMoines Conference, Rev. W. P. Mac Vey of the Cincinnati Conference and Rev. J. Simester of the Newark Conference who have recently been transferred were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Correll of the Japan Conference, the Rev. C. F. Kupfer Ph. D. of the Central China Mission. Rev. J. R. Hykes Agent of the Am. Bible Society at Shanghai and Rev. H. L. E. Leuring, Ph. D. of Singapore were introduced, and also, Mrs. Bishop Joyce, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Simester, and Mrs. Mac Vey, Miss Trimble and Miss Bonafield, the latter two having recently returned from the United States.

On motion the visiting brethren were invited to sit within the bar of the Conference.

Bishop's Address.---The Bishop then again briefly addressed the Conference on the subject of his visit to this field and the Mission work and the honor of being employed in preaching the Gospel in China. He extended the hearty greetings of Bishop Foss who had been appointed to visit China and his deep regret at not being able to do so.

The Bishop also expressed the earnest desire that this should prove a revival session of the Conference.

Laymen.---N. J. Plumb stated the action of the recent General Conference, in allowing Conferences in foreign lands to invite any lay Missionaries to sit with the conference and, with certain limitations, enjoy the same privileges as other members; he moved that Miss. S. M. Bosworth be invited to a seat in the conference, this was unanimously agreed to.

Standing Committees.—The Standing Committees nominated last year, with some changes and additions were then elected as previously shown.

Committee upon Epworth League.—On motion it was decided to elect a Committee on Epworth League.

Conference Boundaries.—The following Resolutions concerning the Hing-hua Mission Conference were offered by N. J. Plumb.

Whereas.—The General Conference in May last, by Resolution made a Mission Conference of the two Districts of Buo-dieng and Sieug-iu and such other adjacent territories as the Foochow Conference shall decide should be added to it:

Resolved.—That it is the judgment of this Conference that the territories to the west, consisting of the Ing-chung District should be a part of the new Conference, thus making the Hing-hua Mission Conference consist of Buo-dieng Sieng-iu and Ing-Chung Districts.

This was on motion referred to the committee on the State of the Church to be reported upon to-morrow.

State of the Church.—The subjects of footbinding, infant betrothals and other pernicious customs were presented in the following resolutions, which were also referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Whereas.—there is an impression prevalent in the home church as well as in the mission fields, that the evil practice of foot binding, infant betrothals and intermarriage with the heathen have not been wholly stamped out of the native church, and that the Christian sentiment is not as strong as it should be against these sinful customs;

Resolved.—that these matters be referred to the committee on the State of the Church that they may be thoroughly investigated and a suitable report be presented to the Conference for adoption

Signed, N. J. Plumb, M. E. Mission Secretary.

Book Concern Dividend.—The Bishop here announced that the Book Concern dividend to this conference amounted to $496. gold and on motion a draft was ordered for this amount payable to N. J. Plumb Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society.

Constitutional Questions.---The Bishop stated that certain Constitutional questions were to be voted upon at this conference, and on motion G. B. Smyth was requested to translate them that they might be in the hands of the members of the conference before being voted upon. On motion the hour of 10 o'clock on Monday was fixed for the time when they should be voted upon.

Fraternal Relations.---On motion the following Committee on Fraternal Relations was ordered, W. P. MacVey, Hü Caik Hang, Diong Giu Hua.

On Motion fraternal letters and the reception of Fraternal Delegates and all fraternal matters were referred to this Committee.

The 13th. Question---*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?* was taken up.

The name of J. H. Worley, Presiding Elder of the Foochow District was called, his character passed, and he presented his report showing an encouraging state of the work.

The name of Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder of the Haitang District was called and his character passed. Having just arrived his report was not ready.

The name of Ngoi Gi Lang, was called, his character passed and he represented the work on the Hok-chiang District.

Hours.—On motion the hours for the sessions of the Conference were fixed at from 8.30 to 12 o'clock the first half hour of each session to be devoted to a prayer meeting.

Closing.—Ting Heng Ngieu was appointed to conduct the prayer-meeting to-morrow. The various committees were called, and the times and places of meeting announced.

On motion reports to the Treasurer were to be made to-morrow forenoon. The Conference adjourned with the Doxology and the Benediction by Rev. C. F. Kupfer Ph. D.

Second Day, Thursday, Nov. 19th.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 A. M. with Bishop Joyce in the chair. The religious services were conducted by Bro. Ding Hieng Ngieu.

At 9 A. M. the business session began. The English and Chinese minutes were read and approved. At the request of N. J. Plumb, W. P. MacVey was elected Ass't. English Sec'y.

G. S. Miner requested that G. B. Smyth be added to the Committee on Conference Relations. This was done.

The Thirteenth Question—was again taken up. The name of Huong Pau Seng was called and his character passed, he reported the work on the Hai-tang District. The name of Yong Daik Cheu was called and his character passed; he was absent on account of sickness and his report was read by the Chinese Secretary. The Presiding Elder having died during the year, Pang Ding Hie presented the report of Iong-bing District. The name of Iek Ing Guang was called and his character passed. He presented the report of the Ku-cheng District. The name of Chiong Taik Liong was called and his character passed. He presented the report of the Ming-chiang District.

The Missionary Sermon.—The hour for the missionary sermon, to be preached by J. Simester was fixed at 2.30 P. M. Thursday.

The Thirteenth Question—was resumed. The names of the following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and those in pastoral work reported their collections, number of baptisms and accessions to the church. Hu Bo Mi, Dang Seng Ling, Uong Di Gi, W. H. Lacy, N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, G. S. Miner, Sia Sek Ong, Ceng Ung Uong, Ling Mi Ing, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Huong Daik Chiong, Sie Seng Cang, Ung Guok Hing, Song Guong Huo, Diong Sëük Buo, Pang Ding Hie, Diong Ming Dung, Ding Siu Küng, Lang Sëü Ing Ding Iok Nguong, Tiang Ngük Cheü, Ding Ung Tiu, Ding Daik Liong, Lau Guang Hüng, Hu Caik Hang, Ceng Cong Ming.

Sia Sek Ong.—When the name of Sia Sek Ong was called, a letter from him was read, stating, that owing to his continued very bad health he felt compelled to ask for a superannuate relation. His request was granted and his case referred to the Conference Stewards.

Constitutional Questions.—G. B. Smyth presented the translation of the constitutional questions referred to the annual Conferences by the General Conference. It was read by the Chinese Secretary.

American Bible Society.—Rev. J. R. Hykes, agent of the A. B. S., at the Bishop's request addressed the conference. He set forth the wonderfully increased circulation of the Bible among the Chinese; within the last two years the number of copies distributed in various ways has more than doubled, until it is now nearly half a million copies annually. These are distributed in every province in China, and in nearly every country to which the Chinese have emigrated; in all 64 dialects are represented. Among the causes contributing to this recent growth, are the war in North China, the black plague in Canton, and

the presentation of the New Testament to the Empress Dowager upon her 63 birthday.

Hing-hua Conference Boundary.—G. B. Smyth on behalf of the Committee on the State of the Church reported, recommending that the Boundary question be deferred until the arrival of Bro. Brewster on Saturday.

Epworth League.—A Committee on Epworth League was appointed as follows, Hü Caik Hang, Uong Di Gi and Miss Bosworth.

Memoirs.—Ding Ung Diu, Ü Sieu E. and Dang Seng Ling were appointed a committee on memoirs.

Reception of Faternal Delegates.—W. P. Mac Vey reported from the Committee on Fraternal relations; Friday at 10 A. M. was fixed for the reception of Fraternal Delegates and Committee instructed to the arrange the program.

Afternoon Session.—An afternoon session was fixed for Friday.

W. F. M. S. Reports.—It was ordered that the reports from the W. F. M. S. be heard on Friday morning after the reception of Fraternal Delegates.

The Fifth Question.—*Who have been continued on trial?* was then taken up. Siek Gi Ciong, Ling Diu Daik, Uong Hwong Siong, Ung Uong Cui, were advanced to studies of second year. At the request of the Central China mission, Tsia Tek Kao, Liu Mo Ye and Uang Siao Shn were discontinued. Tieng Yu Ming, Wu Teh Yuen and Jessie F. Newman were continued on trial in the second years studies and Tsu Tsing Cheng in the fourth years studies.

Prayer Meeting.—Tiang Nguk Chëü was appointed to lead the prayer service Friday morning.

Announcements.—The announcements were made and the conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. J. R. Hykes.

Third Day, Friday, Nov. 20th,

Morning Session.

Opening.—The Conference assembled at 8.30 A. M. Bishop Joyce in the Chair. The religious services were conducted by Tiang Ngük Chëü. The minutes in Chinese and English were read and approved.

The Ninth Question.—*What members are in the studies of the Fourth year?* was taken up.

The names of the following brethren were called, their characters passed, they reported their statistics and retired, Cüng Daik Ming, Co Kong Ching, Ciong Hok Cü, Ding Be Dak, and Ho Dieu Iu. The Committee on Examination reported. Cüng Daik Ming was passed to studies of Fourth year ; Co Kong Ching not having been examined was continued in studies of third year : so also were Ciong Hok Cü, Ding Be Dak and Ho Dieu Iu.

Case of Ung Huong Sing.—The Bishop called up the case of Ung Huong Sing which had been referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. G. B. Smyth reported from the Committee

that the case had been carefully examined and the Committee recommend that charges be entertained by the Conference. It was moved and carried that this be done. It was decided to try the case by a Select Number of nine. The Bishop appointed N. J. Plumb to preside in his stead at the trial ; the accused consented to the following counsel, Diong Ming Dung for defendant and Ding Ung Tiu for the Conference. He also agreed to the following persons, who were then appointed by the Conference as a Committee of Trial, Ü Sieu E, Ling Mi Ing, Lau Guang Hung, Pang Ding Hie, Tiang Ngük Chëü, Uong Guong Hing, Ding Daing Dieu, Sie Seng Cang, and Huong Daik Chiong.

The Fifth Question.—*Who have been continued on trial?* was again taken up. The following persons were called, their character passed, and they reported their work and retired ; the Committee on Examination reported and the Conference took such action as is indicated, Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Huong Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Ko Dung, Ung Uong Cui were advanced to studies of second year. Sia Tieng Ang, Huang Tsz Sing and Chang Shuh Ting were continued on trial in studies of first year. On motion Uong Gi Uong was discontinued; J. Simester was was credited with work done in our schools and advanced to the second years studies.

Tablet to Bishop Kingsley.—G. S. Miner reported that the expenses of sending the Tablet to Bishop Kingsley which the last Conference ordered sent to Alleghany College was $24. It was ordered that this sum be raised by private subscription.

Fraternal Relations.—W. P. MacVey and Tiang Nguk Chëü were appointed fraternal delegates to the Anglican Conference in session at the Church Mission College.

The hour for the reception of Fraternal Delegates having arrived the order of the day was taken up. A hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Hü Caik Hang. Letters of greeting were read from the North China Conference from the Malaysian Mission Conference, from the Central China Mission and from Rev. M. C. Wilcox, Ph.D. Rev. I. H. Correll, D. D, of the Japan Conference presented its greetings and spoke of the condition of Mission work in Japan. Rev. C. F. Kupfer, Ph. D. of the Central China Mission addressed the Conference. Rev. C. Hartwell and Rev. Ding of the American Board Mission in Foochow were introduced and addressed the Conference ; Rev. H. E. Luering Ph. D. of the Malaysian Mission Conference presented the greetings of that body and spoke concerning the work in that field. Rev. L. H. Star and Rev. Li of Anglican Mission were introduced and addressed the Conerence. The Bishop responded to these addresses with a few well chosen words.

W. F. M. S. Reports.---The program of the morning then changed to allow the hearing of the reports concerning woman's work. The Report of Miss Bonafield concerning the Boarding and Day Schools in Foochow was read by Miss Hü Ngieu Eng as was also Miss Wilkinson's report concerning the work in the Hai-tang District, and Miss Linam's report concerning the Foochow Orphanage. Dr. Lyon's report concerning the Foochow Woman's Hospital and Dr. Master's report concerning the City Hospital were read by the Secretary. Miss Mabel Sia read Miss Allen's report of the work in the Hok-chiang District : Dr. Carletons report of the Medical work in the Ming-chiang District was read by Dr. Hü King Eng. The report of the Iong-bing District work was read by Miss Mable Sia, and that of the Ku-cheng work by Miss Ding Cui Sieng. The Ming-chiang work was reported by Miss Peters and read by Miss Ding Cui Sieng. The Bishop

briefly addressed the Conference respecting these reports.

Afternoon Session.---At the Bishop's request an afternoon session was ordered for 2:30.

Select Number.—Ciong Hok Cü was appointed Secretary of the Select Number.

Closing.---N. J. Plumb was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises in the afternoon. The usual announcements were made. The Conference sang the Doxology and the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. Hartwell of the American Board Mission.

Third Day, Nov. 20th,

Afternoon Session.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2.30 P. M. Bishop Joyce in the chair. N. J. Plumb conducted the opening devotional services.

Minutes.—The minutes of the morning session were read in English and Chinese, and after correction, approved.

Cung Daik Ming.—On motion Cüng Daik Ming was advanced to the Fourth year's studies, to remain until eligible for Elder's orders next year.

Theological School.—Rev. N. J. Plumb read his report as President of the Foochow Theological School, and action upon it was

deferred until such time as the Bishop could make remarks concerning Theological School work.

Class of Second Year.—The class of the Second year was called forward, and after being addressed by the Bishop, they were asked the disciplinary questions. The committees on examination and on Conference Relations reported concerning these brethren, and Diong Giu Hua, Dong Cing Ga, and Ding Cing Seng were elected to Deacon's Orders and admitted into full membership. Uong Hung Ngüng was continued on trial in studies of the Third year. Li Gi Chiong and Ho Ik Ngüng were continued on trial in studies of Second year. At the request of the central China mission, Ralph O. Irish and E. R. Jellison were continued on trial in studies of Second year, and Hu Che Pin was elected to Deacon's Orders and addmitted into full membership.

Missionary Rule.—At the request of the Central China Mission, Jesse F. Newman was elected to Deacon's and Elders' orders under the Missionary Rule.

Local Deacon.—Ngo Yang Ren was, at the recommendation of the Central China, Mission elected to Deacon's Orders as a local preacher.

Memoirs.—The hour for holding memorial Services was fixed for 7.00 P. M. Saturday, and a Conference Session ordered for that hour.

Temperance Report.—The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by W. P. Mac Vey, and read in English and Chinese. It was unanimously adopted, and the Presiding Elders were instructed to report nominations for a permanent committee, on Monday.

Board of Deaconesses.—Ding Ung Tiu read the report of the Board of Deaconesses. On recommendation Miss. A. Linam and J. Simester were elected to fill vacancies on the Board.

Fourth Day, Saturday, Nov. 21st.

Morning Session.

Conference met at 8:30 A. M. The religious services were conducted by Ding Daing Dieu.

Minutes:—The Bishop in the chair and the minutes were read in Chinese and English and on motion adopted.

The Tenth Question:—The names of the class in the fourth year were called and their character passed; they reported their work and retired. The Committees on Examination and on Conference Relations made their reports. Ding Giu Ü, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Bo Cing, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Tiang Siong Hui, Ung Sing Chuang, Li Guong Siu, Ding Daing Dieu were passed in the Conference course of studies and elected to Elders orders. W. P. MacVey was passed in the Conference course of studies and elected to Elders orders under the Missionary, rule. Ü Seuk Hu and Ü Siu Ling were continued in the class of the fourth year.

The Eleventh Question:—Ding Geng Ciong and Tiang Ciang Dieu, were on the recommendation of their Quarterly Conference and presiding elders, elected to Deacon's orders as local preachers.

R. L. McNabb;—The Bishop called the name of R. L. McNabb his character was passed and at his own request he was continued in the Conference and entered as absent on leave in America.

Select Number:—The select number appointed to investigate the case af Uong Huong Sing reported him quilty of imprudent conduct and recommended that he be reproved by the Bishop. The findings of the Select Number were entered on the minutes and the sentence carried out.

Hing-hua Conference Boundaries:—G. S. Miner moved that the reference to the "district" in the General Conference enactment be interpreted as meaning the present Presiding Elders Districts. Pending the vote on this question the Ing-chung boundaries was referred back to the committee on the State of the Church.

The Eighth Question:—Uong Huong Sing was advanced to studies of fourth year. Ling Ching Mi was called, his character passed and he presented his reports. He was advanced to studies of fourth year.

Reports, Press:—N. J. Plumb presented his report as Superintendent of the Mission Press. It was accepted.

Ding Hieng Ngieu read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. It was adopted.

Ü Sieu E read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools; it was adopted.

Conference Fund for Superannuated Preachers:—The Division of the Conference Fund for Superannuated Preachers was referred to the Board of Stewards and the Board of the Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society.

Thirtieth Question:—The Thirtieth Question was taken up and Foochow was unanimously selected as the place of the next Conference.

Woman's Conference:—U Sieu E and W. A. Main were selected delegates to the Woman's Conference.

Religious Literature:—The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read and adopted. W. P. MacVey moved that the Committee nominate three persons to edit the book of Conference deliverances as provided for in their report. It was carried.

Semi-Centennial:—A Committee of six were selected to prepare for the semi-centenial celebration of the founding of the mission. The following brethren were appointed. N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, J. H. Worley, Sia Sek Ong, Hü Bo Mi, Wong Di Gi.

Memorial Service:—The Bishop appointed J. H. Worley to preside at the memorial services in the evening.

Preparation Service:—The Bishop called all the brethren to the front and addressed them concerning the importance of the Sunday services; a brief testimony service was held and the Bishop led in prayer

Standing Committees:—The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees.

Adjournment:—Committee meetings were announced, and the Conference adjourned with singing the doxology and Bishop Joyce pronounced the benediction.

Fourth Day, Saturday, Nov. 21st.

Evening Session.

Opening:—Conference met at 7.00 P. M. pursuant to adjournment. Ü Sieu E in the chair.

Memorial Services:—The order of the day was taken up, and the memorial service of Daing Gieng Ing, Presiding Elder of the Iong-bing District was held. Ü Sieu E read appropriate scripture lessons; the memorial address was delivered by Tiang Siong Hui; Sie Seng Cang also addressed the Conference briefly.

Bishop Joyce entered and took the chair at 7:45 P. M.

Conference Boundaries:—The Committee on State of the Church presented its report respecting the Ing-Chung District, recommending that it be connected with the Hing-hua Conference. The report was adopted. W. P. MacVey moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Brother Brewster to define the Conference boundaries in geographical terms, and to report on Monday Morning. The motion carried: N. J. Plumb, Huong Pau Seng, and Song Guong Huo were appointed.

Constitutional Questions:—On motion the hour for voting upon the constitutional questions was fixed immediately after the devotional exercises Monday morning. It was ordered that the devotional exercises on Monday consist of a Hymn, Prayer, and Scripture lesson.

Adjournment:—Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Bishop Joyce.

Sixth Day, Monday, Nov. 23rd.

Morning Session.

Opening :—Conference opened at 8:30 A. M., G. B. Smyth in the chair ; the devotional exercises were conducted by Ü Sieu E,

Minutes:—The Chinese minutes were read and adopted ; the reading of the English minutes was postponed until the arrival of the Bishop.

The Order of the Day :—The voting on the constitutional questions was postponed until 10 o'clock.

Reports :—The Reports of the Boy's Boarding School at Kucheng, of the Anglo Chinese College, of the Committees on the Epworth League, and on Self Support were presented and adopted.

American Bible Society :—W. P. MacVey presented resolutions respecting the American Bible Society : the resolutions were adopted.

Fraternal Relations :—The Committee on Fraternal Relations presented its final report, The following persons were elected to represent the Conference to other Christian Churches and individuals.

American Board Mission : J. Simester, Uong Di Gi.
Anglican Mission : N. J. Plumb, Hü Caik Hang.
M. E. Church South : G. B. Smyth, Ding Ung Tiu.
Central China Mission : J. H. Worley Ụ Seuk Hu.
North China Conference : G. S. Miner, Ụ Sieu E.
West China Mission ; W. P. MacVey, Dong Cing Ga.
Hinghua Conference : W. A. Main, Tiang Ngṳk Cëü
To write to Bro, Wilcox : N. J. Plumb.

To write to Bro Lacy : G. S. Miner.
" " " Dr. Baldwin. Hü Bo Mi, G. B. Smyth.
" " " Dr. White : Sia Sek Ong.
The Bishop here entered and took the chair.

Reports :—The report of the Ming-chiang Boy's School was read and adopted ; and also of the Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society, and the Committee on the Division of Conference Funds. The funds are to be divided on the basis of members of Conference and Conference Claimants.

Committee of Inqury ;—The Bishop asked for the appointment of a special committee of inquiry. Uong Di Gi, Huong Pau Seng and G. B. Smyth were appointed.

Question 24 ;—Question twenty four was taken up and N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, G. S. Miner, W. A. Main, Hü Bo Mi, Ngoi Gi Lang and Uong Di Gi were appointed triers of appeals.

Order of the Day ;—The vote was taken on the Constitutional Questions submitted by the General Conference. On the eligibility of women, the vote resulted 44 for and 0 against. On equal lay representation, 14 for and 29 against.

Central Conference ;—The matter of a Central Conference was taken up, and W. P. MacVey offered the following resolution.

"Resolved, that we favor a Central Conference once in four years, to meet in the spring of the year preceeding the year of the General Conference Session." The resolution was adopted.

The Conference Boundaries;—The Committee on Conference Boundaries reported as follows—(see report) It was adopted.

The Fourth Question;—Iong Hie Ung was admited on trial' and the Presiding elders withdrew the other names from consideration At the request of the Central China Mission Tai Ku Chen, Chen Ting Yin, Kiang Ming Chih, Cheü Mei Fu were admitted on trial. At the request of the West China Mission, James O. Curnow was admitted to Deacon's and Elder's Orders under the Missionary rule.

Epworth League.—The appointment of an Epworth League Committee was taken up, The following were elected;--Foochow, Hü Sie Kuong: Hai Tang, Ü Sieu E: Hok Chiang, Miss Allen: Kucheng, Miss Todd: Yong Bing, Diong Gieu Hua: Ming-chiang, Miss Peters. General Superintendent, Miss Bosworth.

Certificate.—The Bishop handed the secretary the following certificate.

This certifies that in the Methodist Episcopal Church Foochow China, Sunday Novenber 22' 1896, I ordained,

Diong Gieu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Dong Ceng Ga, Ding Cing Seng, Ding Ging Chiong and Tiang Chiong Tiu, Deacons in the Church of God.

And the same day in the same place assisted by Elders, I ordained,

W. P. MacVey, Ding Gieu Ü, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Bo Cing, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Tiang Siong Hui, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Sieu and Ding Daing Dieu, Elders in the Church of God.

Signed, Isaac W. Joyce.

Foochow, China. November 23rd 1897.

Reports:—The Board of Stewards made their report; it was adopted.

The Conference treasurer was granted more time as all the brethren had not reported to him.

The Statistical secretary presented his report; it was read by districts and in Chinese.

The Committee on Education presented its report. G. B. Smyth addressed the Conference respecting it. The report was adopted.

A Pian for Committees:—W. P. MacVey presented a plan for sytematizing Committee works. He moved it be printed in the minutes and action on it deferred until next year.

Minutes:—The English Minutes of the session of Saturday morning were read and adopted.

Commtttee on Temperance:—The nominations for Committee on temperance were made. The following were elected. G. S. Miner, Ung Seng Chuang, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Daing Dieu, Ding Cing Seng, Tiang Ngük Chëü, Ding Gieu Ü.

Committee on Conference Deliverances:—The nominations for Committee to edit Conference Delivances were made, N. J. Plumb, W. P. MacVey and Uong Di Gi were elected.

Announcements:—The secretaries were instructed to inform in writing all persons appointed to serve on Committees.

Adjournment:—The Doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction. The Conference then adjourned.

Sixth Day, Monday, Nov. 23rd.

Afternoon Session.

Conference opened at 2 o'clock, J. H. Worley conducted the devotional exercises.

N. J. Plumb presided in place of the Bishop.

Minutes.—The Chinese Minutes for the morning session were read and adopted.

The English Minutes for Saturday evening and Monday morning were read and adopted.

The Secretaries and Uong Di Gi were appointed a committee on publication of the Minutes.

Report.—The report of the Hok-chiang Boy's School was read and adopted.

Memorial Address.—The Memorial address for Daing Gieng Ing was ordered printed in the Minutes.

The Plan for Committees:—The plan for Committees presented at the morning session was taken up and the plan adopted. (See plan) The nominations of the Bishop and Presiding Elders for standing committees, in accordance with the plan previously adopted, were read: they were elected, (See committees.)

Ku-cheng Hospital.—The following resolution respecting the Ku-cheng medical work was adopted.

Resolved, that we urgently press upon the Missionary Board the necessity of a medical missionary being sent to Ku-cheng. In

view of the fact that the money is appropriated and that pending this appointment a magnificent hospital stands unused, and a great work remains undone, we cannot express too strongly our concern on this point.

Resolved, that these resolutions be sent to the Missionary Society at New York.

Resolutions Respecting Bishop Joyce;—W. P. MacVey offered the following resolutions concerning Bishop Joyce; they were adopted by a rising vote.

—RESOLUTIONS.—

Resolved, that we have already realized large benefits from the new plan of Episcopal visitation whereby each Bishop will preside at two consecutive Conferences.

Resolved, that the Foochow Conference has greatly enjoyed the presence of Bishop Joyce among us; courteous and fair as a Presiding officer; interested in all that concerns us as ministers and people, patient in receiving "advice," and full of sympathy with all our labors, he has enjoyed the highest confidence of us all.

Resolved, that in particular his deep spirituality has greatly stimulated our experience and faith; we rejoice in the spiritual blessings which have come to us from this session of the Conference.

Resolved, that we pray that the wisdom and power and love of God may constantly abide with him through his whole life, and particularly as he fulfils the difficult task of Bishop in a strange land.

Resolved, that we looked forward with faith and joy to his presence with us next year; and until then pray God's choicest blessings upon himself and Mrs. Joyce.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the afternoon session were read in Chinese and English and adopted. It was ordered that the English printed minutes be the Official Record.

Question Fourteen.—was taken up and the Bishop announced the following transfers.

W. N. Brewster, T. B. Owen, Li Diong Cui, Ling Ming Sang, Li Ko Ding, Ngu Ing Gi, Saeng Hok Ming, Uong Deng Huong, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Cing Cieng, Saeng Bang Ciong, Iong Daik Cheu, Ung Guok Hing, Ceng Cong Ming, Song Guong Huo, Saëng Ngük Chung, Ling Seng Eü, Ding Nik Ong, Ding Ga Sing, Uong Ngük Ciong, Ling Hung Cho, Dong Gieng Nguong, Dong Ceng Ga and Ung Guok Bing, transferred to Hing-hua mission Conference.

Ling Ching Mi to the Malaysia Mission Conference.

Foot Binding.—The Committee on State of the Church reported concerning foot binding and early betrothals. The report was adopted.

The Confernce Treasuer,—made his report ; it was accepted

Epworth League Correspondence.—Miss Bosworth was elected to carry on correspondence respecting the Epworth League in China.

Theological School;, N. J. Plumb addressed the Conference respecting the Theological School which had been previously presented The report was adopted.

Committees on Examination.—The committees on examination on the Conference course of study were announced (See Committees)

Resolutions.—A resolution of thanks for the entertainment given the Confeernce by the local church was adopted. A resolution concerning the deaconess work was offered and adopted, A resolution was offered and adopted inviting Drs White, Baldwin and Maclay to attend the Semi Centennial Conference in 1897.

Appointments;---The Conference arose and sang a hymn after which the Bishop led in prayer; the Bishop then briefly addressed the Conference. At 4 P. M. he began reading the appointments of the Missionaries; the appointments of the Chinese brethren were read by the English Secretary. The appointments of the Womans Foreign Missionary Society were then read by the Bishop.

Adiournment;---The Doxology was then sung and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

(III)

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—*Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?*

William A. Main, from DesMoines, William P. MacVey, in studies of the Fourth Year from Cincinnati, James Simester in studies of the First Year from Newark.

2.—*Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3.—*Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4.—*Who have been Received* on *Trial?*

(*a*) In Studies of First Year: Tai Ku Chen, Chen Teng Yin, Kiang Ming Chih, Cheü Mei Fu, Iong Hie Ung, Jas. O. Curnow.

(*b*) In Studies of Third Year. None.

5.—*Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(*a*) In Studies of First Year, Sia Tieng Ang, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuh Ling.

(*b*) In Studies of Second Year: Siek Gi Ciong, Ernest R. Jellison, Uong Hung Siong, Ho Ik Ngüng, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Gi Chiong, Li Ko Ding, Ung Wong Cui, Jesse F. Newman, Tieng Yü Ming, Wu Teh Yuen, James Simester, Ralph O. Irish.

(*c*) In Studies of Third Year: Uong Hung Ngüng.

(*d*) In Studies of Fourth Year: Tsu Tsing Cheng.

6.—*Who have been Discontinued?*

Liu MoYe, Tsai Tek Kao, Uong Siao Shan, Uong Gi Uong.

7.—*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year: Diong Giu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Dong Ceng Ga, Ding Cing Seng, Hu Che Pin.

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

8.---*What Members are in Studies of Third Year :*

(*a*) Admitted into full membership this year.

Diong Gieu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Dong Ceng Ga, Ding Cing Seng, Hu Che Pin.

(*b*) Admitted into Full Membership previously.

Co Kong Chíng, Ciong Hok Chü, Ding Be Dak, Ho Dieu Ieu.

9.---*What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year ?*

Cung Daik Ming, Uong Huong Sing, Ling Chíng Mí, Ü Seuk Hu, Ü Seu Ling.

10.---*What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Elders this year : William P. MacVey, Ding Giu Ü, Tiang Ngük Chiu, Ding Bo Cing, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Ui Sieng, Tiang Siong Hui, Ung Seng Chuang, Li Guong Sieu, Ding Daing Dieu

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

11.---*What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons ?*

(*a*) As Local Preachers : Ngo Yang Ren (ordained in Central China) Ding Ging Ciong, Tiang Chiong Tiu.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule: Jessie F. Newman(ordained in Central China.) Jas. O. Curnow (ordained in West China.)

12.---*What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders ?*

(*a*) As Local Deacons. None.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule: Jessie F. Newman (ordained in Central China) Willaim P. MacVey, Jas. O. Curnow (ordained in West China.)

13.---*Was the Character of each Preacher examined ?*

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14.---*Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference ?*

W. N. Brewster : T. B. Owen : Li Diong Cui, Ling Ming Sang, Li Ko Ding, Ngu Ing Gi, Saeng Hok Ming, Uong Deng Huong,

Diong Hok Gi, Ding Soi Ling, Siek Sek Diong, Ding Nik Sing, Uong Tieng Siong, Ling Cing Cieng, Saeng Bang Ciong, Iong Daik Cheu, Ung Guok Hing, Ceng Cong Ming, Song Guok Huo, Saeng Ngük Chung, Li Nga Hung, Ling Seng Eü, Ding Nik Ong, Ding Ga Sing, Uong Ngük Ciong, Ling Hung Cho, Dong Sieng Nguong, Dong Ceng Ga and Transferred to Hing-hua Mission Conference; and Ling Ching Mi to the Malaysia Mission Conference.

15.---*Who have died?*

Daing Gieng Ing, Ding Tieng Buoi (See Ding Tieng Boi, Hing-hua Conference Minutes), Ling Ming Chiong (See Na Ning Seng, Hing-hua Conference Minutes).

16.---*Who have been Located at their own Request?*

None.

17.---*Who have been Located?*

None.

18.---*Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19.---*Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20.---*Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21.---*What other personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22.---*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

None.

23.---*Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?*
Hu Sing Mi, Sia Heng To, Sia Sek Ong.

24.---*Who are the Triers of Appeals ?*
N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, G. S. Miner, W. A. Main, HüBo Mi, Ngoi Gi Lang, Uong Di Gi.

25.---*What is the Statistical Report for this year ?*
See tabulated Statement.

26.---*What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer ?*
$616.42 Mexicans.

27.---*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund ?*
$504.00 Mexican.

28.---*What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied ?*
$954 Mexicans from Book Concern : All claims paid in full.

29.---*Where are the Preachers Stationed ?* See Appointments.

30.---*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*
Foochow.

Part Two.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

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REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, P.E.

With profound gratitude to the Father of all mercies for his tender care and constant blessing, we again report the work committed to our care.

In one respect at least, the year has been extraordinary —viz; the unusually large number who have sought admission to the Church. Several causes have operated to produce this result. The China-Japanese war, so thoroughly demonstrating the imbecility of China, and the despatch with which the perpetration of riots and massacres were, under pressure of western governments, brought to justice, seemed to create a general impression that Christianity, or at least the influence of foreigners, would prove a panacea for all woes. But back of this, and more potent, stand nearly fifty years of praying, preaching and scattering broad-cast the word of Life, the leavening influence of which, has permeated every grade of society. So the results are just what a living faith could claim upon the exceeding great and precious promises of God.

Many of the people have come with as pure motives as possible, considering their environments and spiritual blindness, and placed themselves under religious instruction. This is most encouraging and gives hope of larger ingatherings in the future. Together with this comes the heavy responsibility of leading these ignorant souls into the light and liberty of the Gospel. But we are not blind to the fact that large num-

bers come for the loaves and fishes, or with the hope of temporal benefit in the way of immunity from extortion from greedy officials and their underlings, and other forms of oppression.

There is also a widespread inprèssion that missionaries can and ought to change Chinese methods of labor and commence by the introduction of western machinery. Such fabulous profits are believed to be possible that many people see great fortunes amassing with very small capital. The members of the Church, of course, will be chiefly benefitted under this new order of things. In some quarters it is believed that the native ministers should not depend upon the Missionary Society for support, but from companies, borrow money and puchase machinery or mills, from the earnings of which they could support themselves and families and be independent.

There is a subtle temptation right here which we do well to guard against. Ministers of the Gospel should be men of one work; like Paul, determined to know nothing among men, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Surrounded as we are and more especially the native brethren, with so much which tends to deaden the spiritual life, we must be free from all entanglements, like the apostles of old, that we may give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. The church needs to be kept pure rather than to have her borders enlarged. Whether we meddle in these matter's or not, all the temporal benefits of Christianity will come in due time, and they will not be confined to those professing Christianity, either.

In the face of all the obstacles there are many encouragements. There is a marked advance in spiritual life and power with some of the preachers. They are coming as never before to see that the salvation of China depends

upon them more than on the missionaries. There is also a growing convicton with some of our best men that the life of the church depends upon the members and their willingness to support the Gospel, and in order to insure this, regular systematic giving must be maintained. This has been done, with marvelous results in some places during the year, and we confidently expect greater advance next. The conviction that tithing, or at least setting apart a definite part of the income to the Lord's work, is also increasing rapidly.

Most of the preachers have held protracted meetings with very encouraging results. This is all the more prophetic since we had supposed the Chinese were not adapted to this form of Christian work. What the Chinese brethren need is a profound sense of their responsibility in the salvation of their own people and a right appreciation of their dependence upon the Holy Ghost. I am most happy to say that some of the preachers are definitely seeking the enduement of power.

The educational work, from the day schools to the College and Theological Seminary, have never been so prosperous. There are 130 day schools on the district, where nearly 3000 boys receive religious instruction. On sabbaths these school rooms serve as chapels, where the pupils, then parents and neighbors hear the word of Life. No form of evangelization is better adapted to reach parents than by the education of their children. Large and permanent results may be expected from this work.

Never has there been such encouragement in any department of the work as now. The dispensaries, hospitals and schools of the W. F. M. S. have been crowded, and best of all, there has been an unusual interest in spiritual life. The growing spirituality in all the schools and churches is an earnest of that fuller baptism which is sure to come when the peoples' hearts are prepared for His coming.

Last month Messrs John R. Mott and D. Willard Lyon, of the student Volunteer Movement held a four days union meeting. A large tent was erected and about twelve hundred people were in attendance. The results of their labors can never be known this side of eternity. Many young men were led to consecrate themselves to the Lord's work, and several hundred, old and young, male and female, joined the Morning Watch, pledging themselves to devote the first half hour of each day to the study of God's word and secret prayer. O for a revival of Bible study and secret prayer throughout the whole Church!

The arrival only a few weeks ago of Rev. W. P. MacVey, W. A. Main, J. Simester and their wives call for hearty thanksgiving on the part of the whole Conference, and the enthusiasm with which they have entered upon the study of the language bespeaks for them successful careers in the Masters service.

Tieng Ang Dong has enjoyed prosperity and been blessed with two gracious revivals. Last spring the congregation was divided, the girls staying away and worshipping in their school chapel in order to make room for the men. Notwithstanding this the church is still crowded. But we are happy to report that prospects are favorable for our new church, so much needed. Word has come that the architect is engaged on the plans, so we hope soon after Conference to begin building. Two prosperous classes some miles away have been opened, each supplied by a student of the Theological Seminary. At one place they have paid half the students salary and at the other several dollars were subscribed.

Siu Liang Dong has had a most successful year. A gallery has been put in the church, still there is not room for the people who want to worship. A new church is

greatly needed. Since the first quarter they have supported the pastor.

A Hung Ga is a new circuit opened last Conference among the Hing-hua speaking people. They also support their pastor, and need a church. They cannot even rent, and have to worship in the store of one of the members.

Cing Sing Dong has made progress in self-support and spiritual life. The pastor, Rev. Hu Bo Mi, has given part of his time to the Woman School which occupies rooms back of the church.

We have secured a good rented property at Bo Ding Haeng, and the church has grown along all lines.

Puo-A has made steady advance in self-support and spiritual life.

Lu Loi has increased in members but self-support has not advanced much.

Hok Ing Dong has had a back set. During last Conference the church building was destroyed by fire, It was impossible to rent anywhere near, so we had to remove a long distance from most of the members,and then could secure only a small place. Many, especially the women, have been unable to attend Church this year.

Ngie Cang has made steady progress. It has been supplied by a student from the Theological Seminary.

Iek Iong, since the completion of the new church, has taken on a healthy growth. Self-support is sure to increase another year. The new church, dedicated soon after Conference, will seat three hundred.

Ngu Kang, the oldest circuit outside of Foochow, has had a precarious existence, and moves on at the same pace, though there are some encouraging signs.

Nguong Die has been greatly embarrassed by perse-

cution and opposition to the erection of the church; but now the difficulty is settled and we have every reason to believe prosperity will attend the work. The new church is now finished and will be dedicated soon after Conference. It is a beautiful structure and will seat more than three hundred.

Iong Die is a new circuit opened last Conference, and God's blessing has attended the work from the beginning.

HAI TANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P. E.

The changes in this district this year have all been for the better, which has never before occurred. Examination shows that every year since this district was opened the conditions have varied on the different circuits; here the collections would increase, there decrease, here the church prospered, there stand still or fall backward; but this year it is all progress. In all six circuits both the membership and collections have increased. Ngiu Seu circuit has gained 19 full members, Sang Le 4, Duai Bang 6, Duai Ho 3, Deng Chiong 3, Tang Tau 6, a total of 41 full members; and in addition 180 probationers have been added, of whom about 130 are in Ngiu Seu circuit.

As to self-support, there is an increase of $40 over the $130 given last year. The contributions to the Missionary Society and to the Bishop's fund have both increased; while more than $600, not yet collected, has been subscribed to the church building funds on the Ngiu Seu and Bang Tang Giang circuits.

At this last named circuit the people have been worshipping in a temple given for that purpose by the villagers; but this has now become too small, and the members have contributed $200 for a new church and parsonage. But both here and elsewhere much assistance from the outside is required.

The importance of these building funds may be further seen from the fact that in the Ngiu Sęu circuit over 100 families have united on probation, while the church only accommodates 300 persons: and at Quarterly Conference six or seven hundred frequently assemble. On this circuit the Chinese have subscribed over $400.

The day schools have tripled in number, so that we now have 17, with over 300 pupils in attendance. Some of these have repented of their sins and been baptized, while all gladly observe the rules laid down by the Conference. We however lack good teachers who understand Christianity thoroughly so that they can teach their pupils the way of salvation. Next year we hope this difficulty will be somewhat removed and that we shall be able to open day schools on every circuit.

I am glad to report another matter. A few years ago when there were only 200 Christian families on the Hai-tang Island, they subscribed $40 for the proposed new church at Tieng Ang Dong and this year the Foochow Presiding Elder wrote asking if we could do anything further, and at District Conference the twenty-five preachers present subscribed $30. It is a little thing but it shows how the members of the Hai-tang District love their Lord.

This is a brief report of the Hai-tang District, all preachers have done their best work this year and I am glad to report it.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, P. E.

When I was appointed by the Bishop to take charge of this district, I immediately began a tour of the various circuits, some of which had advanced, others had fallen off and still others moved on at the same pace.

1. Most of the circuits have had large congregations every Sabbath, especially when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered. On account of this prosperity many have requested the Missionary Society for aid in order to enlarge their chapels.

2. Sometimes the people asked what church I belong to? I replied M. E. Church; then they would say, "Good good M. E. Church is indeed very good"! It makes me happy to think that our members have been exemplary in their lives. On examination I have come to the conclusion that most of our members are faithful to God, and all are unwilling to pay idol money, and none of them gamble or get drunk or smoke opium.

3. There has been a great persecution by the heathen to compel our members to pay idol money. The preachers and members have been powerless to prevent it. We preachers have been thankful to Dr. Worley who has tried his utmost to put an end to the persecutions.

Hok-chiang City is divided into seven classes and a good work have been done. There are 243 members and probationers; and their contributions for all purposes amount to $156.50. A new class has been opened this year, and 50 persons have given their names as probationers, they have subscribed over $100 and have requested the Missionary Society for $500 to purchase a good place for worship.

Ngu-cheng circuit has eight classes and there are 636 members, many of whom have suffered a great deal of persecution. $500 has been raised which together with aid from the Missionary Society, they hope to build a large chapel.

Keng-giang circuit has seven classes; members and probationers 446, and their subscriptions for all purposes $179. The preacher is very industrious and many men and women have been converted during the year

The members of Chieng-tiong circuit have contributted $200, and if the Missionary Society can afford to give them $300 they will be able to build a chapel.

Sing-dong circuit has six classes; members and probationers 381, $138.20 raised for all purposes.

Siek-geng circuit is divided into nine classes; members and probationers 469, $128 raised. At a place called Hu-kiu, there has been good opportunity for work, and a chapel is very much needed.

Deng-gaing circuit is divided into three classes; members and probationers 124, and $46.10 raised. There having been a persecution at this place, most of the members have suffered a great deal.

Ngu-ka circuit is divided into six classes; members and probationers 229, and $95.70 raised, but Ang Sieng and Ciek Long are old classes which do not seem to prosper.

A-u circuit has two classes; members and probationers 100. The people are all fishermen, very stubborn, but fortunately we have had good preachers here.

Sang-sang Circuit has 96 members and probationers and raised $ 31, A chapel is very much needed. During the 4th quarter several members backslid. I am sorry, and pray God to give them a better understanding of the truth.

Hai Kau circuit is divided into three classes and has 65 members and probationers. During the 1st quarter an

earnest preacher was here as an assistant, but soon after the 3rd quarterly meeting God called him to his reward. Here indeed "the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

The upper half of Kong Ing island is divided into three classes and has 286 members and probationers, and raised $84.65. The members have been severely persecuted.

The lower half of Kong Ing island has had a prosperous year. There are 54 members now, while three years ago there were only seven members. Self-support is steadily increasing and the members are zealous in studying the Bible.

Ngu Ka circuit is divided into five classes and has 115 members and probationers, and raised $38.60. A new class has been opened during the year.

KU CHENG DISTRICT.

IEK ING GUANG, P. E.

I was last year appointed Presiding Elder of the Kucheng District, and feel that the trust is an important and difficult one because of the late persecutions of the Christians by enemies, professing to belong to the Vegetarian Sect. Fortunately they have been punished and the District is at peace.

The District is large and mountainous, and in making my quarterly round of visits I am obliged to travel over six hundred miles. While Mr. Wilcox was Presiding Elder the request was made that the District be divided, but it was not granted. I have found it hard to travel so large a district without considerable expense, as I am old and weak. Had a

younger and stronger man been appointed he could have done the work with less expense to the Church. I find the subscriptions for the year are very small. The number of probationers is large, but the conversions few.

I write the report with feelings of mingled joy and sorrow. Joy that they have done as well as they have, and sorrow that they have not done better. Comparing this with the former years of my Presiding Eldership on this District, I find many changes. The membership has increased as also the subscriptions, and all the preachers are very diligent in spreading the Gospel. On this District the Methodist and the Anglican Churches work side by side and in perfect harmony. The two churches have union services once a month, and alternate in distributing the Lords Supper.

Last year many of the inquirers, were friends of the Vegetarians, and I think they were not really in earnest but this year I think they are.

The Boys High School at Ku-cheng city has been established five years and the pupils number forty and the teachers are doing a good work. Unfortunately the building is very small and they are greatly crowded. We need a building large enough to accommodate one hundred boys.

The Girls Boarding School, Day Schools and Women's School in charge of Misses Hartford, Rouse and Todd are improving year by year. These ladies have been here so long that their influence upon the women and girls is being felt.

Since Dr. Gregory's departure we have greatly felt the need of a physician to take his place.

The Liang Tau circuit has five classes and about 200 members. Their pastor has done good work and they are upon a firm foundation, upon the "Rock." One of the five classes, Do Long is quite new and the people are all earnest in searching the Scriptures.

There are three classes on the Kucheng city circuit

and about a hundred members in all. I think this field different from any other in that it is harder than others. This circuit raised about $80 or $90 for pastoral support, more than any of the others. We look forward to the time when all the circuits will follow its example and become self-supporting. On the HuangKang circuit there has been a slight growth. The Seng Iong circuit has three classes about 80 li apart, in all of which a great many have been added to the church. The villages are many, the preachers are few. The Ding Sang circuit has only held its own, but at Au Liang village several tens of people are very zealous, Ku De circuit has had a prosperous year. Last year the members collected $300 for building a chapel and have requested Mr. Wilcox to ask some wealthy man in the United States to give about $2000, and with it his name for the chapel. Last year Go Iong circuit was set off from Ku De, and this year there are two new classes, Buang Liang and Chek Kang. The people at the latter place have prepared a house for service and furniture for the Pastors use, and have also raised several dollars toward the Pastor's support, asking only that a pastor be sent to teach them.

The Dwai Giang circuit, after their trouble in trying to build a chapel last year, is growing discouraged and having few accessions. Of the class at Ciu Chio the members are zealous, and have raised about $200 toward building a chapel, Kung Sioh has been opened, a new class with several members. There is a preaching. place with its furniture, and the Pastor Ding, without any help has opened there a day School. This shows how much he loves God. The Loi Hung circuit last year only held its own, but this year several families have given their names as probationers. The Hwang-de-iong circuit has 3 classes 30 or 40 li apart They have had slight growth. The Seng Leng circuit improves very slowly. One new class has been formed, a few people

prepared a place for service. The Sek Baik Du circuit has had a good year. Of its five classes four are very prosperous. The fifth was dead and is alive again. Some of the members fell away and returned to their opium smoking, but they have reformed and promised that they will neither buy, sell nor use opium. The Dong Huang circuit has held its own. I consider that the girls from this circuit are the best of all. The number of the members is larger, and they bear the closest examination. The Chong Tau circuit has made some progress.

Duo A circuit where the people were last year and a part of this year, annoyed by the Vegetarians and Literati is now at peace, thanks to a dispatch sent to the Native officials by U. S. Consul Hixson. The opportunities for work are very good and the pastor is "a man of one work" doing his duty to his people faithfully.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

CIONG DAIK LIONG, P. E.

Being a man inferior ability, I feel I am not worthy of great responsibilities. To my utter surprise I was appointed by Bishop Walden to this District last Conference, and not daring to refuse the appointment, I entered upon my work with earnest prayer and dependence upon the Holy Ghost.

The 11th moon of the last year I set out on the journey with my family and arrived safely. Soon afterwards I began visiting the circuits, holding quarterly meetings, preaching the truth and examining into the condition of the church.

Recently the Gospel has spread in all directions and many are rejoicing in the Lord. I am thankful to God that preachers and helpers have heartily cooperated with me during the year.

Brothers Lau Guang Hung and Ding Dai Liong have been earnest, they visited every class and village to hold prayer meetings and examine schools, thus stirring up the people to serve God.

Ne Du is a populous place and is divided into eight classes, and among them several are prosperous, not only the members are increasing in number, but their contributions for various purposes have greatly advanced, amounting to $767.

The Luk Du circuit is divided into ten classes, some of which are not so prosperous; but at Sang Du, Se Du, Chek Du, and Baik Du there have been good opportunities for work. Their subscriptions amount to $125.45.

The 11th. Township is divided into six classes and the members seem to be quite zealous. At Hung Iong, a village of several hundred inhabitants 40, li from the 11th township, eight men have recently come to seek the truth.

The 14th. Township is divided into three classes, two of which have not made any progress, but at Hung Huong Die, the church has had real prosperty and the contributions have increased. They have already a sum of over a hundred dollars, and if the Missionary Society would give them some aid they could build a chapel.

The 16th. Township is divided into ten classes and the opportunity is good; all the contributions have increased and we hope for greater prosperity next year.

IONG BING DISTRICT.

DAING GIENG ING, P. E.

DIED IN SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Owing to the death of our Presiding Elder, I will do my best to report the work on the Iong Bing District in his stead.

All the preachers on this district have been diligently working for the Lord, and all hope for a great harvest, so it happens that the results this year are decidedly larger than last year. All the circuits have had a good year. I report them as follows.

IONG BING CITY :—Ten persons have been baptized and received into the church, there are ninety probationers and the church is too small and much crowded.

CIONG HU BUANG :—Fifteen persons have been baptized and received into the church; many women have been added to the Woman's school; hereafter the missionary work among women will be greatly helped by this school.

SEK CHEK DU :—Three places have been newly opened up on this circuit; the members have been earnest workers; the probationers number about fifty, of whom eight have been baptized and received into the church.

NGO SEK DU :—The probationers are all very zealous, two or three of them will join the church very soon.

SE SEK LEK DU :—The church has held its own and the members have lost none of their zeal.

SE SEK NGO DU :—The probationers are very earnest and come every night to the chapel to study the Bible. Altho' the pastor is a local deacon he may be counted as one of our good preachers.

Hu Nguong :—The work here is about the same as last year.

Sa Gaing :—There has been a great change this year ; five persons have been baptized and received into full connection ; twenty have been received on probation,

Iu Ka :—For a time the church on this circuit had no rented chapel; but during the year a place has been secured and the members have now become zealous ; eight persons have been received into the church and the probationers number about ten.

Sung Chiong:—There are three classes each about ten or twelve miles from Sung Chiong City. Six persons have been baptized and received into the church, twenty on probation. The best of the three classes is at Iong Kau, where the people invited us to come and establish a church ; we expect much progress there.

We hope the Board of Missionaries will be able to expend more money on the Iong Bing District and to open up new work. We anticipate that the coming year will prove a hundred percent better than this last, and that the Iong Bing Church will grow so as to bring glory to our Heavenly Father,

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EDUCATIONAL REPORTS.

FOOCHOW SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

N. J. Plumb, President.

At the last Conference there were about 40 students on our roll. At the close of the year the second class on trial was sent out for a years preaching and soon after a new class of 17 was receive', making a total of 45 students.

The school is divided into two departments. The first is a training or preparatory course of two years, during which we try to discover whether the student has gifts, grace and a call to the ministry.

They are then sent out for at least a year's preaching or teaching for further testing and if they return with the hearty endorsement of the presiding Elder they enter the second department or regular Theological class for three years of study.

Early in the year a revised course of study was adopted and some new teachers employed, but we have been deprived of two of these, by their departure for the United States during the summer, one of them to study Theology and one to study Medicine. So we are again very short of teachers. I had hoped to be able to give almost my entire time to this work, but owing to the departure of two Missionaries a large part of whose work has fallen upon me, I can at most give only half my time to it.

During the winter very interesting and profitable revival services were carried on with much benefit to the students. These meetings had their beginning in the school.

In February, at the opening of the new year, the school was transferred from the old Press building to one in the compound formerly occupied by the Girls Boarding School. While this is not all that could be wished for, it is a great improvement on the old one.

Most of the students have done well, although some have had to return to their homes and their former employments.

Many have actively engaged in selling Christian books among the heathen in the vicinity and have met with much success. During the past vacation some of them were appointed to assist pastors on large circuits where they have been very useful, evincing great zeal for the Masters work.

We have constantly urged upon these young men the absolute necessity of a clear evidence of salvation and the call of the Holy Spirit to the work of the ministry, without which all their education will be worthless.

We greatly need a library of valuable books, but this will require additional funds, as all the money is now used for teachers and the aid of students.

It affords me great pleasure to report the coming of a most valuable assistant in the person of the Rev. W. P. MacVey, who with his wife arrived about 2 months ago and I feel sure he will prove a most efficient worker when he has acquired the language. Study will of course, be his principal work for the first year, but he has already commenced by giving some lectures through an interpreter.

For this greatly needed addition to our working force, I feel very grateful to the Missionary Secretaries, and I predict for this school a much larger degree of success in the future than in the past.

Let our preachers everywhere look out the brightest boys and urge them to a thorough course of study in the

Boys Boarding Schools, and a complete consecration to the cause of Christ, and then to come here for a thorough training for the ministry. If this is done by every member of the Conference we shall have such a class of earnest young men applying for admission that none will have to be turned away.

At the beginning of the year there were over thirty applicants for admission but we were obliged to reject about half of them. We need thoroughness in this as in every department of work, and thoroughness of preparation will facilitate our work and help to build up a first class school, from which shall go forth workers, of whom we need not be ashamed, to do valiant service in the Master's vineyard.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

In the report which I submitted to you last year I expressed my belief that larger opportunities were opening before the Anglo-Chinese College than it had ever had before. The history of the present year shows that my confidence was well founded. In the number of our students we are far in advance of all previous years. Last year the attendance was 154, this year it is 230, an increase of 76, and we would have over 300 if we had admitted all who applied.

More than 180 candidates presented themselves for examination at the opening of the Spring Term, but we admitted only 104. The standard was much higher than at

any previous examination.

Again we were compelled to limit our number because of lack of room in the dormitory. Large numbers came from the families of the gentry in the city who wanted to live at the College. To accommodate some of them I had to borrow one of the mission houses, but I promised that next year we would have a new dormitory. The promise seemed a rash one, at the time, as I had no money with which to build, but I appealed to Chinese friends of the College, and I have already received subcriptions from them amounting to over $1700. One of the subscription books was kindly sent to the Viceroy by Mr. J. Courtney Hixson, the United States Consul, and returned with a check for $600. Cantonese friends have subscribed $653. through the kind efforts of Mr. Lu Keng, the compradore of Molatkoff & Co., he himself giving $200. Mr. Timothy Hu, the Interpreter at the United States Consulate, who is one of our old students, has given me $150. The Foochow Mint has given $100. Mr. Uong Hing Tai a Giang Si merchant, has given another $100. Mr. Ding Hok Ling $50. and others have given smaller sums. When the list of subscribres is complete it will be published in the "Ming Seng Huoi Bo," and a tablet will be set up in the dormitory giving the names of those through whose gifts it was built. The whole amount needed, $2600. will be raised very soon, and the building will be paid for entirely by Chinese money. I am sure that this evidence of the confidence felt in the College by Chinese friends will afford you great pleasure, as I know it will to our friends in America. The contract for the building has been signed, and work on it is now in progress. It will be ready for occupation at the opening of the Spring Term in February of 1897. It will have rooms for 75 students, three to a room, two large Chinese class rooms, and a reception room.

Our most pressing need now is a College Chapel, as the room where we now meet for morning prayers is so crowded that there is not room enough to kneel down. I hope to have such a chapel before next Conference. I am trying also to raise money for a tower clock which will give time to the whole neighborhood, and be an ornament as well to the College. This too I hope to show you when you meet next year. Our apparatus will be largely increased by the addition of several new instruments, an outfit for assaying, and some new machinery. In addition I hope, but not this year, to have a museum in which the people of Foochow will be able to see such specimens of foreign machinery as may be found useful for the development of the industrial resources of the Fohkien Province. I shall make great efforts to make the coming year an era in the history of the College. It will be the Jubilee year of the Foochow Methodist Episcopal Mission, and it must be made a year of great advance in the work of this College.

The increase in the number of our students caused a large increase in the income of the College. The fees this year amount to over $2950. This is in addition to the cost of board, and books, and all the personal expenses of the students. Our outlay however has increased heavily, as we have had to employ three additional teachers, and had to purchase a great deal of new furniture at the beginning of the year. But even with all these we have received enough to meet all our current expenses which will amount to about $2800.

The conduct of the great majority of the students has been very satisfactory. There have been some minor breaches of discipline, as there always is in schools of this size, but there has been only one serious case, and in that the offender was expelled. At the opening of the Spring Term great care was exercised in the selection of the candidates, and the great majority of those chosen have proved

themselves worthy. That there were good scholars among them is shown by the fact that two of them won the degree of Siu Chai at the last prefectural examination.

As I stated in my report last year, the Rev. Sia Heng To had to retire from the monitorship on account of ill health. Mr. Lau Sing Hiong was appointed his successor. Mr. Lau had been a teacher in the College for over ten years. He came to his new position with a fine reputation, and he has sustained it in his new work. He knows the students well and they all respect him. At this, the close of his first year as monitor, I wish to record my high appreciation both of the spirit and the manner in which he has performed the duties of his difficult position.

I wish to thank all my other colleagues, both foreign and Chinese for the way in which they have supported me. There has not been a single case of unpleasantness between us; we have all worked in harmony. I am particularly glad to be able to report the coming of a new teacher, the Rev. James Simester, from America. He reached Foochow, two months ago, and although his principal work this year is the study of the language, he takes two classes every afternoon at the College. I am very grateful, as I am sure you all are, to the Missionary Society. for this valued accession to our teaching force.

In the midst of all this teaching students and planning for new buildings, the regligious work of the College has not been neglected. Every Tuesday evening there is a prayer meeting conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association, the attendance at which is sometimes over a hundred. The Christian students are divided into three classes, each in charge of a leader appointed by the Pastor of Tieng Ang Dong, and all under the general supervision of one of the foreign teachers, Miss S. M. Bosworth. A month ago Mr. J. R. Mott from the United States, and Mr. D. Willard

Lyon of Tientsin, spent a week here, and held several meetings with the students of the various schools at Foochow, and one evening specially addressed the students of this College.

At those meetings many resolved to consecrate themselves to Christ as never before, and promised to spend a certain time every day in the study of the Scriptures. Some also solemnly promised to devote themselves entirely to Christian work, if the way opened up for them to do so. As Mr. Mott and Mr. Lyon wished to organize all the College Y. M. C. A. in China into a national College Y. M. C. A. and desired that one or two delgates from each association meet them at Shanghai in the early part of November, our association, the oldest in China, elected its President, Mr. Hu Sie Guong, and I took him, and one of our teachers Mr. Ding Neng Guong, with me to the Shanghai meeting. A national organization was there effected, one of our teachers, Mr. Ding Maing Ing, being elected a member of the National Committee, and one of our graduates, Mr. Ding Ming Uong, now teaching in the A. B. C. F. M. Theological School was elected the Chinese Delegate to the convention of the World's Christian Student Federation to meet next Spring in America.

I have kept to the last, an item which in some senses may be considered the most interesting of all, the graduation in February last of the largest graduating class in the history of the College. It was composed of seven young men who had completed the full course, and six of whom are professing Christians. It was a fine body of young men, and all of them are now at work.

Two of them are teaching in the College, one of the two being also Interpreter at the German Consulate, one is the principal teacher at the American Board Theological School, one is a teacher in the American Board College in the city, one is Science teacher in our Methodist School at Chin-Kiang, the head of which, the Rev. Kupfer is here to-day,

another is Dr. J. H. Worley's Secretary, and the seventh went last summer to America to Study medicine and prepare himself to return to Foochow as a medical Missionary. You will also be glad to know that one of the number gained, just after graduating, the degree of Siu Chai at the Prefectural examination.

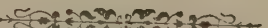
There is much more that I would like to say, but this report is too long already. I close therefore with an appeal to you for help in making this College a great power for good in China. Never before were the people so alive to the value of a Western education and to the truth of Christianity. It is not necessary to enlarge on this here, as every man who reads the papers knows it. May we be more and more alive to the movements of the time, and so make this College an ever increasing fountain of beneficent influences to the great Empire of China.

THE FOOCHOW BOY'S BOARDING SCHOOL.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

The attendance at the Boarding School has been much smaller this year than last, and purposely so. At the beginning of the year it was decided to receive only boys who could pass the day school course, and therefore we have had only eighteen scholars in place of forty last year. The work however has been much more satisfactory. There are several boys in attendance now, who are preparing for admission to the College. One of the older students of the College has taught regularly, part of the day through the whole year.

Much attention has been given to the religious training of the boys. Mrs. Smyth has conducted a class in Bible study every Sunday afternoon. The regular teachers, Mr. Ngoi and Mr. Ding, have worked faithfully for the best interests of the school



REPORT OF THE BOYS BOARDING SCHOOL IN THE HOK CHIANG DISRICT.

It has been five years since the Boys Boarding School was established. Last year the school was divided. One school was in Hok-chiang city and the other in Ngu-cheng. At the district Conference at the beginning of the year it was decided that there should be but one school and that at Ngu-cheng. In addition to my other work, I had the honor to be elected, together with Bro Ho Dieu Ieu, to take charge of the school and teach the Bible. Bro. Guoh Ciong Hu was elected Monitor but he has also taught the Bible and other christian books, besides looking after the school affairs. No change was made in the regulation of the school. Mr. Ngu Hau Sung was engaged as teacher of native books. During the first term 20 pupils were enrolled and in the second 21. Among the pupils there are some who are able to compose poems and poetical lines, some to compose writings and others Chinese essays. In the several meetings held in the 4th and 5th moons and in Epworth League meetings, a number confessed their sins and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Besides their regular lessons the students have engaged in religious work.

They take turns in leading the prayer meetings and

are faithful in studying the Sunday School lessons. On Sunday afternoon they go to the neighboring villages to preach the Gospel. They owe everything to God, through whose blessing they have grown daily in knowledge and spiritual power. Five of them have been given exhorters license, and several are expecting to enter the Theological School.

I am sure the mission money spent on this school will bear abundant fruit. The Bishop, Missionaries and preachers are earnestly requested to pray constantly for the pupils in the Hok-chiang Boys Boarding School that they may be faithful and become useful men in the church.

NGOI GI LANG, PRINCIPAL.

KU CHENG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

I take pleasure in reporting to the Conference the condition of this school. The past year has been a very satisfactory one.

I have been engaged in this work for five years and have done my utmost to make the school a success.

At the close of last year we had 32 scholars, 3 of whom entered the Foochow Theological School in January and one was appointed as pastor teacher. Fourteen were received at the beginning of the year and 4 during the 2nd quarter, making our present number 42. Nine of these are preachers sons and the remainder church members children. Twelve of these hold exhorters license and are earnest christians, taking their turns leading the weekly prayer meeting.

The school is divided into 5 classes taught by my cousin and myself. When Mr Wilcox commenced the school

he only planned for 30 scholars, but so many wanted to come that we have taken in more and consequently are very crowded, and we have been obliged to disappoint many bright boys who have applied for admission. The present premises were rented for 5 years and the time is nearly up. Mr Wilcox had planned to purchase land and erect a suitable school Building. He is now at home and has not yet succeeded in raising the necessary funds. This is a very great need and we hope it may soon be accomplished. This school should be thoroughly developed, with a strong man at the head of it and an efficient teaching force. I consider this the wisest and best policy in order to strengthen and build up a strong and intelligent church. I would favor the opening of a department for the preparation of students to enter the Theological school at Foochow. This would be better economy than for them to go to Foochow for this preliminary training.

Such an enlargement of the school would increase its influence and usefulness. A school of high grade here would attract many literary men and bring them under the influence of the Gospel.

The Native church in this District is growing from year to year and this school should measure up to its opportunities for advancing the cause of Christ. I earnestly ask your prayers for this very important work.

Ding Hiong Ching,
Monitor and Teacher.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MIN-CHIANG DISTRICT.

It is believed by some that the success of the church is due to persons of knowledge and ability and these come from

the schools. It is said in the writings of Confcuius that "Merchants must stay in the market places to carry on their business and scholars need learning to promulgate the truth."

In the Min-chiang District there was no school until last year, when the High School was founded in U Tau, a village in the sixth Township. At the end of the 1st moon when the school opened there were only 19 pupils, less than is usually required for opening such a school. The school being newly established, the pupils in other circuits did not understand the regulations and many hesitated to send their children.

Thank the Lord, since the opening of the school, the pupils have all, through His blessing, obeyed the rules and made great progress day by day. At the summer examination the Committee, Bro Lau Guang Hung, Miss Peters and Dr. Carleton commended the scholars so highly that we could not help giving Glory to God. Most scholars have summer vacations, but our school, not wanting to waste precious time, continued the work as usual. The teacher of the school is Mr. Sia U Bing a first degree man. He teaches the Romanized and is very skillful. Bro's. Uong Eung Ciong Ding Dai Liong and I teach Bible classes, Dr. Wong Ging Chang, whom we wish to thank, has faithfully attended the students when they were ill. During the 2nd term, we had more pupils than the first. During the year four were baptized, seven received into the Church and five were given exhorter's license.

We ask the Bishop and pastors to pray constantly for the pupils that they may be trained to be useful men in the church.

CIONG DAIK LIONG, PRINCIPAL.

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DISCIPLINARY REPORTS.

SELF-SUPPORT.

We are glad to note a large advance on some of the circuits, and believe all would now be rejoicing in the same prosperity, had the recommendations of last year been followed. Where the pastors have laid this subject upon their hearts, and had the cooperation of the official members, and systematic giving has been kept up, the greatest advance has been made.

We therefore urge the Presiding Elders and preachers to enforce the disciplinary requirement for a collection every sabbath, and recommend that the Conference find out the delinquents and ascertain the reasons for the failure to comply with the Discipline.

We fear the trouble is partly with the preachers who do not desire self-support and therefore do not urge the matter. It is most natural for the members not to want it. How can these obstacles be removed?

1st. The preachers must awake to their obligations to God and their duty to themselves and the people. There is a very weighty responsibility here which we fear has been overlooked. We believe the preachers will be weak, and in great measure powerless, as long as they depend so largely upon foreign and so little upon native support. It is as much for the life and usefulness of the ministry, as for the members that we plead. We shall never have a manly, robust clergy till they can trust God and the people whom they serve, and if they are faithful in this the members will soon understand their obligations and gladly contribute to the support of their pastors. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we reap your cornal things?" I cor, IX 2.

2nd. The members must be taught that giving to the Lord is not only a duty but a high privilege which God has bestowed upon them, and one of the most blessed means of grace. In order to do this the preachers must stop saying, yes, and even thinking; "O the people are so poor I can't urge them to give," and also trample under feet that false, Satanic humility which says. "Don't teach them the privilege and joy of giving lest they think you are unduly anxious about your salary. "They must remember it is for the peoples own good that they give, and therefore it is their duty to instruct them in this as in every other Christian grace. A physician who, knowing the life of a patient depends npon the amputation of a limb or the removing of an eye, fails to perform the operation lest he cause extra pain, would be criminally culpable.

God can not and will not bless His people as long as they wilfully disregard one of the plainest commands. The history of the church and the word of God are full of warnings to those who neglect, and bright with promises for those who obey. Prov. XI; 24,25. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that which withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soulshall be made fat and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Mal. III 8, 10 "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The method proposed by the last Conference, of using bamboo sticks upon which the name of the member and class

leader are to be written, or the use of envelopes with the name written on them cannot be improved upon. The class leaders must be men and women in sympathy with this work. Their position is one of the most important in our economy. Let all the pastors have regular leaders and stewards meetings, and instruct these office bearers in their duties and inquire if they have been faithful in the performance of them. Let each pastor preach at least once a year on the Christian's duty of consecrating his substance to the Lord. Each member of the family ought to give, and every person, no matter how poor, should give something. The pastors should set a good example by having every member of their families contribute.

J. H. Worley.

Chairman.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Your Committee appointed to consider this subject beg leave to submit the following Report.

We wish to express our hearty appreciation of the progress which has been made in the formation of a Christian Literature and that we have reason to be grateful that the Tract Societies and Mission Press, have afforded such efficient aid in this direction. Many excellent books have been published and the various tracts, newspapers and sabbath sheets, distributed among our people are well received by all who are able to read them.

We would renew the request made some years ago for the publication of Wesleys sermons and also that a book called "The Spirit-Filled Life" be translated and published.

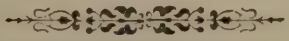
We find that commentaries on the Old Testament are very scarce and it would be very helpful to our preachers if others could be prepared and all available ones secured.

The recommendation made last year that a collection be taken for the purchase of books, has been carried out to some extent and we hope all the charges will take it up during the coming year.

We feel that the time has come when our Church Advocate should be issued once a week instead of once a month as at present.

We also recommend that a Committee be appointed by the Conference to select from the Conference Resolutions, on various important subjects taken during the past 5 years, to be presented next year as a deliverance from the Conference and that this be published in a small pamphlet, separate from the Conference Minutes, for general circulation among our people.

N. J. PLUMB.
CHAIRMAN



ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee appointed to consider this subject beg leave to submit the following Report.

We consider the Berean Lesson series annually issued, very helpful in Sunday school work and recommend their continuance.

The time for holding the Sunday School should be fixed to suit the convenience of the people, either in the forenoon or afternoon.

Classes should be provided for those members who are unable to read . The Sunday School suprintendent or the Pastor should hold teachers meetings for their instruction before Sunday comes so that they may be prepared to instruct the Scholars in their classes.

A contribution should be taken each Sunday to secure a small fund for the purchase of Sunday School books and provide for a Christmas entertainment, and also for the Missionary Society.

We request all the Missionaries to write to their friends in the United States for picture cards to give to the Sunday School children as rewards to encourage their attendance.

At the close of Sunday School the scholars should recite the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed and the Lords Prayer.

We request the Missionaries to provide maps for more complete illustration of the Bible.

The presiding Elder should exhort the preacher to obey the articles of the Discipline from 329-335.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee intrusted with the duty of inquiring into the subject of foot binding, infant betrothals, &c. beg leave to submit the following Report.

1 As regards foot-binding in our church we find that it exists to a limited extent, but principally among the recently received and and less instructed members and probationers. It is regarded by some as fashionable and a mark of respectability,and as such it is not readily given up.

2. As to infant betrothal, strictly speaking this is seldom practiced, but a practice prevails to some extent of taking babies into the family to become in time the wives of sons and they grow up together as brother and sister.

3. We find also that a very objectionable practice exists in some places of preachers and others taking very young wives, mere girls, and other preachers acting as middle men in these transactions.

4. There are also other customs such, as intermarriage with the heathen, and taking little girls into the family, and the parties, while promising to care for them as daughters, in fact treat them as menials. These practices are not at all common, but occasionally some one violates the law of the Church in these matters.

In view of the above stated facts we recommend the adoption of the following by this Conference.

RESOLVED.—that we regard these practices as wholly unchristian and should be thoroughly condemned by the Church. If Christians bind the feet of their daughters they should be reproved by the pastor, and if they persist in it, they should be expelled from the Church.

We believe also that pastors should do all in their power to induce the women to unbind their feet. This is now frequently done and found to be quite feasible.

The Presiding Elders should do all they can to prevent the preachers from marrying wives, unsuitable both in point of age and education.

The rule forbidding intermarriage with the heathen and the taking of servant girls, as adopted should be reenacted and strictly enforced.

N. J. PLUMB,

CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We find that the regulations concerning temperance adopted by the Conference in preceding years are not observed by many of our people and of our preachers.

We are convinced that the time has come for such regulations to be made effective, we therefore recommend.

That all brethren on trial in the Conference who do not wholly abstain from the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors be peremptorily discontinued at the next session of the Conference.

That Presiding Eelders are instructed to inquire into such usages and at the next Conference report the same against the character of any who do not wholly abstain.

That no person be licensed as a local preacher or exhorter or appointed class leader who does not wholly abstain from such usage.

That no probationer be admitted into full connection with the church until he has abstained from tobacco and intoxicating liquors for six months.

That a standing committee consisting of a chairman at large and one member from each district shall be appointed, who shall collect information respecting the temperance question, and in such ways as they may devise, educate our people along these lines.

W. P. Macvey.
Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your committee, believing the observance of the Sabbath day to be the source of great blessings to mankind, and that it is the command of God that we should regard this day as sacred, recommend the following.

That Pastors should be at the church early and late using all diligence in instructing the members, holding various services both in the forenoon and afternoon. This will engage the time of the members and prevent their being tempted to work during the leisure hours of the day.

That the class Leaders in every church keep a record of the members who do not observe the Sabbath.

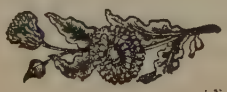
That when it is known that a member has violated the Sabbath, the Leader shall go to him and enquire the reasons.

That at each Quarterly meeting the Presiding Elder shall learn from the Leader's reports the names of such members as are regularly absent from Church. Guilty ones shall be sent for. If they shall show repentance and promise to do better they shall be forgiven, if not their names shall be dropped from church membership.

That Pastors should prepare their sermons most carefully, that they may be able to interest and instruct their congregations and thus secure attendance upon the services.

That each pastor preach on the subject of Sabbath observance at least once in three months.

James Simester.
Chairman.



MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League is an organization which may be made very beneficial to the Church. At the present time it is doing good in many parts of the world.

It has not been as widely organized as we could wish within the bounds of the Foochow Conference, and we would like to see it organized in all the different Districts. For this reason we make the following suggestions which are in full accord with the Discipline ¶325.

I. That wherever practicable Epworth Leagues be organized in every circuit.

II. The Constitution and By Laws should be printed and sent to the Presiding Elders to be distributed on the Districts.

III. At each Quarterly Conference the Presiding Elder should carefully inquire into the condition of Epworth Leagues on the circuit.

IV. Each Epworth League should subscribe occasionally to the expenses of the general work.

V. One man should be appointed in each District as District Superintendent, to advance the work of the League in his District. This man need not be a preacher, but should be a young man thoroughly in earnest with regard to the work.

VI. There should be a Central Superintendent in Foochow to aid the District Superintendents in their work.

VII. The District Superintendent should communicate with the Central Superintendent at least once a quarter concerning the work on his District.

VIII. The Central and District Superintendents should meet at least once a year for consultation.

IX. The printing of Epworth League supplies shall be in charge of the Central Superintendent.

X. It is recommended that revival meetings be held on each circuit and Epworth Leagues established if possible: the number of all converted, being reported to the Central Superintendent.

S. M. Bosworth.

THE FOOCHOW M. E. MISSION PRESS.

N. J. Plumb, Superintendent.

The departure of Brother Lacy for the U. S., owing to a complete break down in health in February last, made it necessary for me to again take up the work of the Press, in addition to my other duties.

A little time only was necessary to get familar with the work and for a time matters moved on smoothly enough, but ere long disturbing elements made their appearance on the surface, and I realized that there were "labour troubles" even in China. As time went on the opposing factions came more and more into collision and finally during the summer I concluded it was best to shut down the establishment and start anew.

Fortunately the foreman against whom most of the complaints had been made, offered his resignation and in the providence of God an old printer, who had for a long time been at deaths door and never expected to enter the Press, was again raised up just at this time to fill the place made vacant, which no other man could have done. I prepared

some strong and explicit regulations and when all was ready, issued a call to those I wanted to return and greatly to my delight, every one of them promptly responded. They signed the articles of agreement and went to work, and the business has been moving on smoothly ever since.

The Press was never more prosperous or more necessary as an auxiliary to our mission work.

The constant demands upon us indicate an expansion of the work everywhere. The extension of our work demands increased facilities and it seems to be in the line of Providence that this self supporting institition should have been raised up to meet the needs of the mission work in this Province, as well as in other parts of China.

The Press has certain decided advantages which can hardly be overcome by any other Press in China. These are cheapness of labor and cheapness of Chinese paper, while supplies of foreign paper can be brought here from England and America nearly as cheaply as to any other part of China.

By the removal of the Theological School from the Building early in the year, considerable additional room has been added, although the Boys' Boarding School still occupies a part of the space greatly needed to adequately meet the requirements of the Press. The additional room gained has proven a decided advantage for storage room for our books, sleeping apartments for the men and quarters for the foreign and Chinese binderies.

Nearly one thousand dollars worth of material has been added to the Plant during the year.

The Japanese font of type should be duplicated, as soon as possible. It produces beautiful work, but there is not more than half enough of it. At present however we lack space in the composing room to make the addition. A much needed supplement of type for Colloquial use has recently been ordered amounting to over $300.

The present capital of the Press is about$24000, and the net profit for the year has been all that could be desired.

The aggregate of work has been about $12000 and we have in hand orders amounting to about $5000.

We have now in Press two editions of the Bible in Classical, also 10000, Gospel of Mark and 5000 Matthew, and a Colloquial edition of 8000 New Testaments and a great variety of books, Tracts and Sheets.

Work done during the Year.

The work completed during the year may be summarized as follows :—

	Volumes.	*Pages.*
Scriptures : - - - - - -	32.100	6,350,400
Tracts : Books, etc. - -	121,820	9,161,230
Sheets, - - - -	——	2,030,775
S. S. Literature : Books, etc.	22,700	791,800
,, Sheets, -	——	210,160
Miscellaneous : Books, etc.	2,860	38,860
,, Sheets,	——	102,023
Total work completed during 12 months,	178,706	18,685,248

The work done for our Methodist Societies is as follows :—

M. E. Tract Society.

	Volumes.	*Pages.*
Advocate	27,550	936,700
Conference Minutes	300	39,600
Girl's Day School Record Books	100	4,006
Bible Reading Method Sheets	———	8,000
Daily Lesson Sheets	———	500
Deaconess Report Blanks	———	1,000
Week of Prayer Program	———	600
Total.	27,950	990,400

M. E. S. S. Union.

	Volumes.	*Pages.*
Child's Paper	7,250	87,000
Catechism	6,000	264,000
Notes on Sunday School Lessons	1,000	52,000
Sunday School Lesson Books	13,700	468,600
Romanized Hymn Books	3,000	156,000
Sunday School Lessons Sheets	———	170,800
Catechism and Hymn Sheets	———	7,000
Ten Com., Lord's Prayer and Creed	———	3,500
Text Sheets	———	13,000
Sheets for C. S. T. S. S.	———	2,000
Total.	30,950	1,223,900

Superannuated Preachers Aid Society

IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH

N. J. PLUMB, TREASURER.

1895-1896. **Dr.**			
To Balance due Treasurer at Conf.		175.17	
„ One Insurance Claim		14.33	
„ Loan No. 28 H. & S. Bank		700.00	
„ Sia Lieng Li's children (1895)		18.00	
„ Mrs. Ding Ching Guong (1895)		18.00	
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„ „ Ling Ching Ding	30.00		
„ „ Sie Huo Mi	30.00		
„ „ Wong Ding Hok	48.00		
„ „ Daing Guang Ing	30.00		
„ „ Dang Ging Dong	24.00		
„ „ Ding Neng Chiek	48.00		
„ „ Hu Yong Mi	30.00		
Rev. Hu Sing Mi	48.00		
„ Sia Heng To	96.00		
Orphans of Rev. Li Yu Mi	36.00		
„ „ Sia Lieng Li	36.00	480.00	
1895-1896. **Cr.**			
By book Concern Dividend, 486 gold Mex. @ 53 ¾			904.19
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Added to current *a/c* from Loans			211.03
Rent of fields			25.37
„ Da Ding property			68.—
Balance due Treasurer at Conf.			77.16
		$1405.50	$1405.50

Nov. 24th 1896. N. J. PLUMB. *Treasuer.*

Andited and found correct,

J. H. WORLEY, *President Board of Trustees.*

Assets and Liabilities of the S. P. A. S.

Assets.			Liabilities.	
Loans to Individuals:			Balance due Treasurer	$ 77.16
No. 7	$ 50.00		Insurance Society Claims	14.67
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Native land & Cemetery		170.00		
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N. J. PLUMB,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

J. H. WORLEY, *President Board of Trustees.*
November 24th, 1896.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Amounts to be paid to Claimants for 1897.

Mrs. Hụ Iong Mi - -	$2.50	per month	=$30.00
,, Dang Ging Dong	2.50	,,	= 30.00
,, Ding Neng Chiek	4.00	,,	= 48.00
,, Uong Ding Hok -	4.00	,,	= 48.00
,, Daing Guang Ing	2.50	,,	= 30.00
,, Sie Huo Mi - -	4.00	,,	= 48.00
,, Daing Gieng Ing	4.00	,,	= 48.00
Rev. Hụ Sing Mi - -	4.00	,,	= 48.00
,, Sia Heng To - -	6.00	,,	= 72.00
,, Sia Sek Ong - -	6.00	,,	= 72.00
Children of Li Iu Mi (2)	4.00	,,	= 48.00
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N. J. PLUMB,

Chairman.

CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Districts.	*Missionary Soeiety.*	*Bishop's Support.*
Foochow	160.20	29.15
Hok-chiang	64.30	9.25
Hai-tang	23.80	4.70
Iong-bing	35.50	2.50
Ming-chiang	19.00	3.30
Ku-cheng	54.70	7.30
Totals	357.50	56.20
,, 1895...	333.00	41.04
Increase ...	24.50	15.16

Geo. B. Smyth,

Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE FOOCHOW CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE AM. BIBLE SOCIETY.

RESOLVED;—that the Foochow Conference has listened with pleasure to the address of the Rev. John R. Hykes, Agt. of the American Bible Society in China, and that we rejoice in the unprecedented spread of the Scriptures during the last two years and trust that the coming years will witness even greater interest in the Revelation of our God.

RESOLVED;—also that we are grateful to the American Bible Society for the facilities it has given to the members of the Foochow Conference for giving the word of God to our people and that we recognize in its propositions, a duty as well as an opportunity.

RESOLVED;—that every member of this Conference ought to take with him to his charge a number of copies of the Bible and distribute them under the terms proposed by the Society, and that we ought by every means in our power to encourage the agents of the Society when they come among us and publicly and privately urge our people to possess and read the whole Scriptures.

W. P. MACVEY.

HING-HUA MISSION CONFERENCE BOUNDARY.

The Special committee appointed to consider the boundary line of the Hing-hua Mission Conference beg leave to

submit the following Report.

On the east it should extend beyond the bounds of the Hing-hua prefecture into the Hok-chiang civil District as far up the main road as Song-liang, thence north along a high mountain range, so as to include the villages of Teng Chiah and Wong Chiak, to the Ing-hok civil District, thence south west to the District of Daik-hua after which the boundary line is to be coterminous with the Ing-chung Chiu, consisting of the three Districts of Ing-chung, Daik-hua and Dai-cheng.

This will include the two circuits of the 45th and 46th townships now included in the Yonping District.

N. J. PLUMB.
CHAIRMAN.

HUONG BAU SENG.
SECRETAY.

W. F. M. S. REPORTS.

MARY E. CROOK MEMORIAL ORPHANAGE.

The year has been filled with glorious opportunities, though it has not been without its trials and discouragements.

We have had thirty eight children in the Orphanage during the year. Of these, thirty were with us when last years report, was made out, eight have been received this year, and six have died during the year.

For the sick and diseased we have had skilled medical attendance and have rejoiced to see some of them restored to health. For the dying we have provided loving care and Christian burial.

During the year one has been studying in the intermediate department and three in the primary department of the Girl's Boarding School. Six have been in the kindergarten class, where among other things they are taught Bible stories from Bible pictures. They are also taught to sing. At morning and evening prayers they are taught to recite Bible verses. All of the children who are old enough are taught to pray before going to bed at night.

We hold a meeting each week for the women employed at the Orphanage. Then each evening after prayers the women study hymns and the Bible, for at least one hour. Some of them can read very well and recite quite a number of Bible verses.

In this work I have been most ably assisted by Cio Lang, who is a very faithful Christian worker and has been a blessing to us all. We feel that she was sent to us in answer to prayer,

We must also express our thanks to Miss Bonafield for her invaluable assistance after Mrs. Lacy went home. I had only been here a few months at that time and of course could not take up the work. But she by her sisterly aid and loving sympathy, has indeed fulfilled the law of Christ, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

May I ask you to continue to pray for us, that God will, keep from us sickness and death, and that these little ones may grow up in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie Linam.

HAI-TANG REPORT.

The statistical table for Hai Tang District W. F. M. S. work shows a gain of only one Day School and one Bible woman, but this is not the entire gain.

On visiting the island in Sept. we found several whole villages, had renounced idolatry and were asking to be taught the way of Life, One pastor said seventy or eighty families on his circuit had given their names as probationers and the poor uneducated women in all these homes were saying "To be Christians how must we do?" Can you imagine what it means to have people say, I don't know whom you mean by God, and who was this Jesus that you Christians worship? I don't worship the idols any more, I know they cannot help me but how shall I worship God? I do not know how to pray." A nd then we are so thankfnl that Jesus said when ye pray say "Our father who art in heaven" etc. Then we begin, and step by step they learn who "Our father" is and what

Heaven is like and about his kingdom etc. etc. but don't you see what an amount of teaching it takes to get an intelligent conception of God and his plan of salvation into the mind of one who has never heard before ?

Both the Presiding Elder and the Pastor of the Ngieu Seu circuit had recommended a little woman, to be appointed to teach these women, or as many of them as she could. She has not the necesary education required for a regular Bible woman,, but after going out with her a few days and seeing her work and the great need of some one to teach these beginners, we said to the pastor, let her go on as she has been for the last six months, studying three days each week and visiting from house to house the other three. She is a saved woman and loves to lead others into the Light, but she very much needs a few years training in a Bible school. And what do you think she gets for thus giving her time to the work ? One dollar per month. Just about enough to pay her chair hire when she goes to the farthest villages. After a week on the island we came home convinced that Hai Tang must have more supervision.

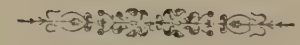
The people will become Christians, but the *kind* of Christians they are to be, depends largely on the manner and amount of instruction they receive. When people first turn to Christ they are the most susceptible to Christian teaching, the most willing to abandon heathen customs and practices, hence it is imperative that these awakened ones be taught how to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Hai Tang district must have better supervision. Last year we spent less than two weeks there and this year but one, and two days, of that time spent in reaching the island. We found heathen homes open to us in all the villages and in the Capital city, Tang Tau,v isited a number and found the women most polite, attentive and eager to ask questions. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send more

laborers into his harvest," said the master and we say, Lord send some one *this year* for *Hai Tang.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia A. Wilkinson.



KUCHENG DISTRICT.

"I suppose you can superintend the work of the District *only* by correspondence" Bishop Walden said in talking to me of my appointment last year, and for a time it seemed as if that would be all I could do. The U. S. Consul had refused to allow any missionary to leave the treaty port after the Massacre in August, and although we had the best of native teachers in our Boarding School we deemed it wiser not to let the girls and the women return to them until missionaries could be there to personally superintend that work. The work of the day schools and Bible women had not been interrupted.

In February the doors were opened and the consul said I might go to my work if I would promise to remain inside the Ku-cheng city walls. Miss Todd, whose appointment to "study the language" did not keep her from desiring to go to Ku-cheng where ultimately she hoped to labor, accompained me. Dr. Carleton spent the month of March with us and treated some serious cases of illness in our schools and Rev. N. J. Plumb made us a visit of a week while he was looking over his work on the district. With the exception of these guests we were alone.

Rev. Dr. Wilcox so long our Presiding Elder had gone with his family to America, Dr. Gregory had also joined his

family in the home land, and Miss Hartford was taking a well earned furlough in her New England home.

The native Christians were overjoyed at our return and the heathen were respectful. Once we heard rumors ot trouble, but no trouble came, and I believe there is no quieter spot to-day in China than our Ku-cheng.

The joy of the pupils in the school when they were reunited after a vacation of eleven months, I can not describe; and never in the history of the schools did pupils apply themselves more diligently to their books. I wish every one in America, who supports a "scholar" could have been present at the first prayer meeting after schools were opened. It was a time of thanksgiving.

Every one of us, teachers and pupils had learned many lessons in the rough school of experience during those long months of separation, but He "who sits as a refiner of silver" had been making us more what He would have us be; and as I looked into those bright, happy faces I took courage, not for the future of Kucheng alone, but for the future of China.

The Rev Ding Ung Tiu, who has been associated with the schools since they were organized was returned to us at Conference time, and to his ability is largely due the success of this work. The General Society very kindly allowed us the use of the hospital for our girls school, as it was impossible to rent a suitable building, and we foreigners occupied one of the vacated residences of the General Society. Next year we hope we may have a home for ourselves and our pupils.

We have twenty day schools with an attendance of 405 pupils, 29 of whom are grown women. The Bible women have sent us most encouraging reports even from unfavorable localities. From almost every charge comes the request for a day school or when there is one day school the people want two. Bible women are also in demand and if we

had three times as many as we have we would still want more. We mourn this year the loss by death of two bright young teachers Mrs. Cung Pek Hiong and Mrs. Ling Heng Tung. One Bible woman Mrs. Ngu Chai Bing was also called from us to her reward. We doubt not that the Master's "Well done" greeted them; and we did not question His will even though the harvest was great and the laborers so few that we felt not one could be spared.

Miss Hartford returned to us in October, in time to superintend the Woman's District Conference which was a season of rich spiritual blessing to every worker.

In summing up the years' triumphs and disappointments I find the balance decidedly on the triumph side.

Disappointments have often proven to be His *appointments* and we have felt God's Power in our own weakness, so we are able to sing "Be thou exalted Lord in thine own strength, so we will sing and praise thy power."

Respectfully submitted

Willma H. Rouse.

REPORT OF THE FOOCHOW GIRL'S BOARDING SCHOOL

Through the good providence of our God, the Boarding School has passed another sucessful year.

The enrollment has reached 134 and we have been obliged to put up the standard of entrance examinations because already we are getting too crowded. During the summer vacation, two of our girls were called to the home beyond. In the twelfth month a class of seven fine Christian women graduated. The youngest 18, the eldest 22 years of age.

Of this class one is teaching in Hok-chiang Boarding School and making a fine record, and four are teaching here in our hospital, and studying medicine. They are all Christian girls and go out into the work with energy and consecration. Our hearts are glad because God is in the work and a brighter future is opening up for China's women. God is in the midst of her, she shall be helped and that right early.

Respectfully submitted.

Julia Bonafield. Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Statistical Report of The W. F. M. S. Medical Work Foochow China, for the Conference year, ending November 18th, 1896.

Hospitals	Woolston Memorial or City Hospital	Woman's and Children's Hospital	Grand Total 2
No. of In-patients	311	478	789
No. of Patients seen at the Dispensaries	3409	7820	11229
No. of Patients seen at the Office	107	(Not Reported)	107
No. of Patients seen in their Homes	533	1399	1932
No. of Prescriptions filled	5524	11856	17380
Total number of Patients seen	4360	9697	14057
Total number of Prescriptions filled	7325	13531	20856
No. Medical of Students	(None)	9	9
No. of Dispensaries	6	4	10
No. of Bible Women	1	2	3
No. of Native Assistants	1	1	2
No. of Baptized	11	3	14
No. of regular Religious Services held	652	676	1328

Physiciains Charge — Luella M. Masters M. D, Ellen M. Lyon M. D. Hu King Eng M. D. — 3

Part Three.

THE CURRENT YEAR.

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(I)

THE COMMITTEE PLAN.

With a view to systemizing the Conference Committee work, the following plan introduced by W. P. MacVey was adopted.

I.—The Conference shall have the following standing Committees.

a. On State or the Church:—To which all matters relating to discipline, spiritual condition, ministerial character, fraternal and civil relations, and such others as affect the general state of the church and are not otherwise provided for, shall be referred.

b. On Education:—To which shall be referred all matters relating to educational institutions, to the diffusion of education among our people, and the better education of our preachers.

c. On Books:—Which shall consider what publications, — periodcal or otherwise,— are needed, shall devise means for their publication, and generally supervise our publishing interests.

d. On Temperance:—Which shall gather information respecting intemperance as set forth in the resolutions adopted this year; shall take steps for rendering resolutions effective, and plan for future actions.

e. On Worship:—Which shall consider the best methods of securing complete observance of the sabbath, of improving the forms of worship among our people, and increasing the efficacy of our Sunday Schools.

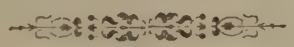
f. On Finance:—Which shall consider the financial condition of our people, the best methods of raising moneys and of extending self support.

II.—These committees consist of one member elected from each District, and two members at large nominated by the Bishop. They shall meet on the Monday preceeding the Conference Session and at such other times as they may decide.

III.—They shall not have power to commit the Conference to course of action unless by special vote of the Conference.

IV.—They shall have power to appoint sub-committees either from among their own number or from the church at large; but these sub-committees shall first report to the Standing Committee which appointed them

V.—The Conference may also appoint committees or instruct the standing committees to appoint them, which shall be subordinate to the standing committees.



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THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

In accordance with the above Committee Plan the Conference ordered the Standing Committees as follows.

a, On State of the Church :—G. B. Smyth, J. H. Worley, Ciong Daik Liong, Iek Ing Guang, Huong Pau Seng, Ngoi Gi Lang, Dang Seng Ling, Uong Di Gi.

b. On Education;—W. P. MacVey, G. B. Smyth, G. S. Miner, Li Guong Sieu, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong, Ü Süëk Hu.

c. On Books :—N. J, Plumb, W. P. MacVey, Hü Caik Hang, Ding Dai Liong, Ling Seu Ing, Huong Daik Chiong, Pang Ding Hie, Ho Dieu Ieu,

d. On Temperance ;— G. S. Miner, J. Simester, Ung Sing

Chuang, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Daing Dieu, Ding Cing Seng, Tieng Ngük Chiu, Diong Giu Ụ.

e. On Worship ;—W. A. Mains, N. J. Plumb, J. Simester Ding Cing Seng, Ding Bo Cing, Ciong Hok Cü, Diong Giu Ü, Ü Sieu E.

f. On Finance ;—J. H. Worley, W. A, Mains, Hü Bo Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Siu Kung, Diong Seuk Buo, Ung Seng Chuang.

(III)

EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations begin on the Monday preceding Conference at Tieng Ang Dong . The list below arranges the candidates in connection with the Committees which examine them, and omits such as will be examined, elsewhere.

1. ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination ;—Genesis: Matthew; John: Catechism with Illustrations:—Compend of Doctrine;—Discipline, Parts I & II: Geography by Mrs. Baldwin, Arithimetic ; Elements of Geology : Buddhism by Dr. Edkins.

b. For Recitation. Job 38 ;—Psalms 2, 24, 27, 50 :—Rom. 12 ;—Eph. 3 ;—Rev. 22 ;—

c. To be Read;--- Universal History, Vol. I. by D. Z. Sheffield; China and Her Neighbors, Y. J. Allen ;—Prophecy fulfilled in Christ ; —Life of Wesley, by Mrs. Sites ; Wesley's Sermons, by J. Lambuth.

d. Sermon :—Prepared Impromptu.

2.---Committee on Examination :--G. S. Miner, Hü Bo Mi, Ding Ung Tiu.

3.---Candidates :---To be recommended by District Conferences.

2. FIRST YEAR.

1.---Studies.

a. For Examination :--- Exodus ;-- Joshua ;--Luke ;--Acts ;--- I & II Peter ;---Compend of Theology, Vol. I to II, ch. 4 ;--- Church History, Part One ;—Discipline; Parts 3--6 ;— Confucianism v. s. Christianity ;---Natural Theology, Vol. I & II by A. Williamson :---

b. For Recitation :—Exodus 20 : II Chronicles 6 : Psalm 32, 42, 84. 10 ; Mark 10 ; II Cor. 7 : Eph. 6.

c. To Be Read :—Life of Christ by A. Williamson ; Universal History, Vols II, III & IV :

d. Sermon—Prepared impromptu.

2—Committee On Examination ;—W. P. MacVey, Iek Ing Guang, Hü Caik Hang.

3.—Candidates ;—Iong Hie Uong, Sia Tieng Ang (Six other candidates will be examined in Central China and one in West China.)

3. SECOND YEAR

I.---Studies.

a. For Examination ;---Psalms 1 72 ;-Mark ; I and II Cor ;-Galatians ;---Ephesians ;---Philippians ;---Colossians ; Church History II Part to end ; Compend of Theology, Vol II 5 ch. to end ; Bible Hand Book N. J. Plumb ;--O, T. Part One, by Physiology ; Natural Theology.

b. For Recitation-Gen., Job 14 ; Psalms 18, 5, 90, 91. Matt. 5, 6, 7.

c. To Be Read ;--Universal History, Vol V to end ; Chinese Christian Civilization. by E. Faber.

d. Sermon, Prepared Impromptu.

2----Committee On Examination :--N. J. Plumb, Ü Sieu E, Diong Süëk Buo.

3---Candidates :---Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Hong Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Ko Ding, Ung Uong Chui, Ho Ik Ngung, Li Gi Ciong, In English, James Simester. (Six orther candidates to be examined in Central China,

4. THIRD YEAR.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination:—Isaiah; I and II Tim;— Hebrews;— Evidences of Christianity, Vol. I. by W. A. P. Martin;— Bible Hand Book O. T. Part Two; Astronomy, by Baldwin and Sites;— Manual for Native Evangelists by J. L. Nevius;— Christ and Confucius by W. Muirhead.

b. For Recitation:—Proverbs 1-4;— Eccles. 12; Isa. 35, 53; John 3; Gal. 5.

c. To be Read:—Ancient Religions and Philosophies by A. Williamson;— Ancestral Worship;— Doctrine of Resurrection;— How to Win Souls, by Miss Sites;—

d. Sermon:—Prepared Impromtu.

2.—Committee on Examination:—J. H. Worley, Huong Pau Seng Uong Di Gi.—

3.— Candidates:—Diong Gieu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Dong Ceng Ga, Ding Cing Seng, Uong Hung Ngüng, Co Kong Ching, Ciong Hok Cü, Ding Be Dak, Ho Dieu Ieu.

5. FOURTH YEAR.

1.---Studies

a. For Examination :---Ruth ; Esther ; Psalms, 70 to the end ; Daniel ;---Hosea ;---Romans ;---James ;---Elements of Divinity, by J. W. Lambuth ;---Moral Philosophy by J. L. Whiting ; Bible Handbook N. T,

b. For Recitation ;---Psalms 116 ; John 14-16.

c. To Be Read :---How to Enrich a Nation, W. A. P. Martin, Commentary on Mark by E. Faber.

d. Sermon :---Prepared Impromtu.

2.---Committee on Examination :---G. B. Smyth, Ciong Daik Liong, Uong Huong Sing, Ling Ching Mi, Ü Sëük Hu, Ü Siu Ling. One other candidate to be examined in Central China

6. LOCAL ORDERS.

1.—Studies :—(See Minutes, 1893.)

2.—Committee on Examination : J. Simester, W. A. Main, Ngoi Gi Lang, Dang Seng Ling.

3.—Candidates :--(Not Reported.)

(IV)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

I. Semi-Centenial---The Conference took appropriate action regarding the Semi-Centennial of the Founding of Methodism in China.

The first work was opened in Foochow, in 1847. The Conference ordered the following Committee and gave them full powers to prepare for an appropriate celebration.

COMMITTEE.—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, J. H. Worley, Hü Bo Mi, Sia Sek Ong, Uong Di Gi.

II, GENERAL DELIVERANCES :---Recognizing the fact that from time to time the Conference has adopted resolutions and enacted regulations concerning a great many important matters of a disciplinary nature, the Conference ordered a Committee of three to edit these deliverances for the last five years, and prepare them for publication in pamphlet form, for use among our people as a supplementary Discipline.

COMMITTEE:-N. J. Plumb, Uong Di Gi, W. P. Macvey.

III. TO EXAMINE MEDICAL STUDENTS:--N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, Uong Di Gi.

IV. TO PREPARE CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR 1897.---The Foochow Missionaries and Pastor of Tieng Ang Dong.

V. TO PUBLISH CONFERENCE MINUTES.---N. J. Plumb, W. P. MacVey, Uong Di Gi, Ciong Hok Cü, Ling Ching Mi.

(V)

FRATERNAL DELEGATES & CORRESPONDENTS.

The Conference elected Fraternal Delegates and Correspondents as follows:---

To:--American Board Mission: J. Simester, Uong Di Gi.
,, Anglican Mission : N. J. Plumb, Hü Caik Hang.
,, M. E. Church South : G. B. Smyth, Ding Ung Tiu.
,, Centbal China Mission : J. H. Worley, Ü Seuk Hu.
,, North China Conference : G. S. Miner, Ü Sieu E.
,, West China Mission : W. P. MacVey, Dong Cing Ga.
,, Hing-hua Conference : W. A. Main, Tiang Ngük Cëü.
,, write to Brother Wilcox : N. J. Plumb.
,, ,, ,, ,, Lacy : G. S. Miner.
,, ,, ,, Dr. Baldwin : Hü Bo Mi, G. B. Smyth.
,, ,, ,, Dr. White : Sia Sek Ong.

(VI)

BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

Vancancies in the Board of Deaconesses were filled so that the Board was constituted as follows;

G. B. Smyth, President.

Miss A. Linam,	J. Simester,
,, L. A. Wilkinson,	Hü Bo Mi,
,, W. H. Rouse,	Li Diong Cui,
,, Althea M. Todd,	Ding Ung Tieu.

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TRUSTEES OF THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY.

For Three Years :---N. J. Plumb, Hü Caik Hang, J. H. Worley.
For Two Years :---Hü Bo Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.
For One Year :---G. B. Smyth, Sia Siek Ong, Iek Ing Guang.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, P. E.

Post Office, Foochow,

Foochow: A Huong-Ga :—Uong Hong Siong.
,, ,, Bo Ding-Heang:—Co Kong Ching.
,, ,, Hok-Ing-Dong :—Ding Ung Tiu.
,, ,, Sieu Liang-Dong, Ding Daing Dieu.
,, ,, Tieng Ang-Dong-:—Uong Di Gi.
Iek-iong:—To be supplied by Ding Siu Ing.
Iong-die:—Ling Dieu Gek.
Lu-loi:—To be supplied by Li Sioh Giu.
Ngie-cang:—To be supplied.
Ngu-kang:—Li Ko Düng.
Nguong-die:—Uong Huong Sing.
Puo-a:—To be supplied:—Ling Sëü Uong.
N. J. Plumb, President : J. H. Worley and Hü Caik Hang.
Professors in School of Theology.
N. J. Plumb and Hü Caik Hang members of Tieng-Ang Dong, Quarterly Conference.
G. B. Smyth, President of Anglo-Chinese-College.
Principal of Boys' Boarding School, and Editor of Fohkien Christian Advocate," member of Tieng-Ang Dong Quarterly Conference,
G. S. Miner, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College and Superintendent

of Day Schools, supported by Special Gifts---member of Sieu-Liang-Dong Quarterly Conference.

N. J. Plumb, Superintendent of Mission Press, and Business Agent of the Mission.

G. B. Smyth, Treasurer of the Mission.

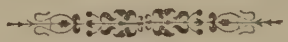
W. P. MacVey, Student of the Chinese Language and Teacher in School of Theology, and also Pastor of the English services, member of Tieng-Ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

James Simester, Student of the Chinese Language, and Teacher in Anglo-Chinese College, member of Ching-Sing Dong Quarterly Conference.

Miss S. M. Bosworth, and Mrs G. B. Smyth, Teachers in the Anglo-Chinese College.

Sia Tieng Ang, left without appointment to attend school.

W. H. Lacy, M, C. Wilcox and R. L. McNabb, absent on leave in the United States.



HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P. E.

G. S. Miner:-Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Bang-tang-giang:--Cheng Ung Uong.

Dai-bang:---Ung Seng Chuang.

Dai-ho:--To be supplied.

Dai-lieng:--To be supplied.

Den--chiong:--Supplied by Ding Ching Nguong.

Ngiu-seu and Bah-sua: --Ü Sieu E, two to be supplied.

Sang-le,---Supplied by Ling Chiong Ling, and one more.
Tang-tau,---Ho Dieu Ieu one to be supplied.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Ngoi Gi Lang, P. E.

W. A. Main, Student of the Chinese Language and Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

A-gong-ing :---To be suppled by Uong Ing Cieu,
Dëng-diong :---To be supplied.
Dëng-aing :---U Sieu Ling.
Dëng-cheng :---To be supplied.
Gëng-giang :---Ding Hieng Ngieu.
Hai-Iu:---Huong Daik Chiong.
Hai-kau:---Supplied by Ung Guong Goi.
Ha-ü:--- ,, ,, Siek Ching Tieng.
Hok-chiang-city:--Sie Seng Cang, Ho Ik Ngüng, Iong Hie Ung.
Ngu-cheng;---Ciong Hok Chü, and Siek Gi Ciong.
Ngu-ka:---Ung Uong Cui.
Sang-sang:--Supplied by Ü Siu Ieu.
Sing-dong:---Ling Mi Ing.
Siong-gong-Ing:--Uong Hung Ngüng.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

CIONG-DAIK LIONG P. E.

J. H. Worley :–Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chek-du:---To be supplied by, Uong Hok Gu.
Ciong-iong:---To be supplied by, Uong Eng Nang.
Hung-nguong-die:---Supplied by, Uong Ching Buo.
Lek-du,---Ding Daik Liong, Lau Dieu Gi, (a supply.)
Ming-chiang-city:---Supplied by, Uong Siong Nguong.
Ne-du,---Ding Cing Seng, Lau Sing Cu, (a supply.)
Sang-du and Se-du:---Snpplied by Uong Gi Siong.
Sek-ek-du:---Lau Guang Hung, Lau Ngoi Ching, (a supply.)
Sek-chek-du:---Supplied by, Uong Ming Ing.
Sek-lek-du:---Supplied by, Uong Ching Dieu.
Sek-ngo-du:--- ,, ,, Li Guong Sieu.
Sek-se-du:--- ,, ,, Uong Eung Ciong.
Sek-ne-du:--- ,, ,, Lau Mui Uong.
U-liang:--- ,, ,, Uong Hung Deng.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

IEK-ING-GUANG, P. E.

N. J. Plumb, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chong-tau:—Tiang Ngük Chiu.
Ding-sang:—Ling Ui Sieng.
Dio-a:—Ding Siu Kung.
Dong-huang:—Ling Sëü Ing.
Duai-giang:—Ding Bo Cing.
Go-iong:—Ling Dieu Daik.
Huang-di-iong:—To be supplied by, Ling Mung Ong.
Huang-kang:—Supplied by, Tiang Chiong Chaiu.
Ku-cheng City:—Tiang Ngük Cëü and Ding Siu Cing, (a supply.)
Ku-de:—Supplied by, Ding Gaeng Guong.
Liang-nang:—Ding Iok Nguong.
Loi-hung:—Ding Be Dak.
Sek-baik-du:—Diong Ming Dung, one to be supplied.
Seng-iong and Dio-siong:—supplied by Ciu Hing Deng.
Seng-lëng and Gang-Ka:—Ling Heng Tung.
Sek-chek-du:—Tiang Siong Hui.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DANG SENG LING, P. E.

G. S. Miner, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow,

Ciong-hu-buang:—Cüng Daik Ming.
Hu-nguong:—Supplied by Co Sieu Ceng.
Iong- bing City:—Ü Seük Hu.
Iong-kau:—To be supplied.

In-ka:---Diong Sëük Buo.
Sa-Gaing:---Pang Ding Hie.
Sa-ka-kau:---Supplied by Hu Ing Chung.
Sek-chek-Du:--Supplied by Ciu Buoi Nguong
Sek-se Du:---To be supplied by Ngu Ak Guang.
Sing-Gio:---Ding Giu Ü.
Song-chiong:---Ding Giu Hua.

In Central China :-Tai Ku Chen, Chen Teng Yin, Kiang Ming Chik Chen Mei Fu, Huang Tez Sing, Chang Shuk Ling, Jesse G. Newman, Tien Yei, Ming, Mu Teh Yuen, Relp O. Irish, Ernust R. Jellison, Tsu Tsing Chen.

In West China :---James O. Curnow.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon, Hü Bo Mi : Alternate W. P. MacVey.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY APPOINTMENTS.

Foochow District

Girl's Boarding School, Training Schools, and Bible Women : Miss Julia Bonafield, Miss Lydia Wilkinson.

Orphanage :--Miss Allie Linam.

Medical work :--Dr. Ella M. Lyon, Dr Luella M. Masters, Dr. Hü King Eng.

General Treasurer :--Mrs. G. B. Smyth.

Ming-Chiang, District.

Training Schools, Day Schools, Bible Women, Miss Mary Peters.

Medical work :--Dr. Mary E. Carleton.

Hok-Chiang District.

Girl's Boarding School,; Training School, Day Schools, Bible Women:- Miss Lydia A. Trimble, Miss Mable Allen. Evengelistic work :--- Miss Althea M. Todd.

Hai-Tang District.

Training School, Day Schools, Bible Women, Miss Lydia A, Trimble. Miss Mable Allen.

Ku-Cheng District.

Girl's Boarding School, Romanized School :---Miss Wilma H. Rouse.

Training School, Day Schools, Bible Women :-- Miss Mable C. Hartford.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

Day Schools, Bible Women :--Miss Mable C. Hartford.

HING-HUA DISTRICT.

Miss Minnie Wilson, Miss Phebe Wells, Miss Maud Donahue, M. D.
Work to be assigned at the Hing-hua Conference-

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

The figures in the first column denote the year in which the preachers entered the traveling connection; those in the last column, the number of years in present, appointment.

ELDERS.

1889	Ceng Ung Uong	Bang-tan-giang	Hai-tang District	1
1873	Ciong Daik Liong	Presiding Elder	Ming-chiang ,,	2
1879	Dang Seng Ling	do.	Iong-bing ,,	1
1892	Ding Bo Cing	Duai-giang	Kucheng ,,	2
1888	Ding Daik Liong	Lek-du	Ming-chiang ,,	2
1892	Ding Daing Dieu	Sieu-liang-dong	Foochow ,,	1
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu	Geng-giang	Hok-chiang ,,	4
1892	Ding Giu Ĉ	Sing-gio	Iong-bing ,,	1
1884	Ding Iok Nguong	Liang-nang	Kucheng ,,	4
1877	Ding Siu Kung	Dio-a	Kucheng ,,	2
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Hok-ing Dong	Foochow ,,	1
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Sek-baik Du	Kucheng ,,	1
1878	Diong Seuk Buo	Iu-ka	Iong-bing ,,	2
1879	Hü Caik Hang	Professor School of Theology	Foochow ,,	1
1860	Hü Bo Mi	Cing Sing Dong	Foochow ,,	4
1865	Hü Sing Mi	Superannuate	,, ,,	
1877	Huong DaikChiong	Hai-lu	Hok-chiang ,,	3
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	Hai-tang ,,	3
1864	Iek Ing Guang	do.	Kucheng ,,	2
1883	Lacy, Wm. H.		In America on Leave	
1877	Lau Guang Hung	Sek-ek Du	Ming-chiang ,,	1
1889	Li Guong Siu	Sek-se Ngo Du	Ming-chiang ,,	1
1892	Ling Heng Tung	Seng-leng and Gang-ka	Kucheng ,,	4
1889	Ling Mi Ing	Sing-Dong	Hok-chiang ,,	1
1879	Ling Seu Ing	Dong-huang	Kucheng ,,	2
1892	Ling Ui Sieng	Ding-sang	Kucheng ,,	4
1892	MacVey, Wm. P.	Student of Language, Pastor of English Services.	Foochow ,,	1
1891	Main, Wm. A.	Student of Language, Missionary in Charge.	Hok-chiang ,,	1
	McNabb, R. L.		In America on Leave	
1880	Miner, G. S.	Professor in A. C. College Superintendent Day School Work.	Foochow ,,	6–3
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	Presiding Elder	Hok-chiang ,,	2
1873	Pang Ding Hie	Sa-gaing	Iong-bing ,,	6
1870	Plumb, N. J.	President School of Theology, Supt. Mission Press.	Foochow ,,	1–2
1877	Sia Heng To	Superannuate	Foochow ,,	
1866	Sia Sek Ong	do.	Hok-chiang ,,	2
1878	Sie Seng Cang	Hok-chiang City	Foochow ,,	13
1881	Smyth, Geo. B.	President of A. C. College.	Kucheng ,,	2
1889	Tiang Ngük Cheü	Kucheng City	Kucheng ,,	3
1892	Tiang Siong Hui	Sek-chek Du	Hai-tang ,,	2
1878	Ü Sieu E	Ngiu-seu	Hai-tang ,,	3
1892	Ung Sing Chuang	Dai-bang	Foochow ,,	2
1889	Uong Di Gi	Tieng-ang-dong	In America on Leave	
1880	Wilcox, M. C.	Presiding Elder	Foochow ,,	4
1880	Worley, J. H.			
	Total Elders 44			

DEACONS.

1893	Ciong Hok Cü	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang District	1
1893	Co Kong Ching	Bo-ding Heang	Foochow ,,	2
1893	Cüng Daik Ming	Chiong-hu-buang	Iong-bing ,,	4
1893	Ding Be Dak	Loi-hung	Kucheng ,,	1
1892	Ding Cing Seng	Ne Du	Ming-chiang ,,	1
1894	Diong Giu Hua	Song-chiong	Iong-bing ,,	2
1893	Ho Dieu Ieu	Tang-tau	Hai-tang ,,	1
1894	Ling Dieu Gek	Go-iong	Kucheng ,,	1
1892	Ü Seuk Hu	Iong-bing City	Iong-bing ,,	1

Total Deacons 9 Total Full Members 53

PROBATIONERS.

1895	Chang Shuh Ling		In Central China
1896	Chen Mei Fu		,, ,, ,,
1896	Chen Teng Yiu		,, ,, ,,
1896	Curnow, Jas. O.	Elder	West ,,
1893	Ding Siu Cing	Ku-cheng City	Ku-cheng District 1
1894	Ho Ik Ngüng	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang ,, 1
1895	Hu Che Ping		In Central China
1895	Hwang Tsz Sing		,, ,, ,,
1896	Iong Hie Ung	Hok-chiang City (3rd man)	Hok-chiang ,, 1
1895	Irish, Ralph O.		In Central China
1895	Jellison, E. R.		,, ,, ,,
1896	Kiang Ming Chih		,, ,, ,,
1894	Li Gi Chiong	Siek-geng	Hok-chiang ,, 3
1895	Li Ko Ting		
1895	Ling Dieu Daik		
1895	Newman Jesse F.	Elder	
1895	Sia Tieng Ang	Left without Appointment to attend School Foochow.	
1896	Simester, J.	Professor A. C. College	Foochow ,, 1
1896	Tai Ku Cheu		In Central China
1895	Tieng Yu Ming		,, ,, ,,
1893	Tsu Tsing Cheng		,, ,, ,,
1895	Ung Uong Chui	Ngu-ka	Hok-chiang ,, 1
1895	Uong Hung Siong	Au-ong Ga	Foochow ,, 2
1894	Uong Hung Ngung	Siong-gong-ing	Hok-chiang ,, 1
1894	Uong Huong Sing	Nguong-die	Foochow ,, 1
1895	Wu Tek Yuen		In Central China

Total Probationers 26
Total in Conference 79

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The tabulated statistics do not include the following items :—

Foreign Missionaries	10.
Assistant Foreign Missionaries	9.
Foreign Missionaries of W. F. M. S.	11.

Educational Institutions.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers	6.
" " " Native teachers	9.
" " " Students	226.
" " " Students' Fees	$1.100.-
Chinese subscriptions to new College Dormitory	$2.000
Foochow Theological School, Foreign teachers	1
" " " Native teachers	3
" " " Students	45
W. F. M. S. Three Girls Boarding Schools, Native teachers	10
" " " " Scholars	194
" Five Women's Schools, Scholars	100
" Hospital Students	10
" Orphanage, No. of Foundlings	32

Property.

Anglo-Chinese College, Two Dormitories and Apparatus	$25,000
Eight Residences at Foochow and Ku-cheng	$20.000
Two Native Parsonages	$1,700
W. F. M. S. Foochow Girls' Boarding School and Residence	$14,000
" Two Hospitals and Residence	$2,000
" Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage	$2.000
" Hok-chiang Girls' Boarding School	$4.000
Wiley General Hospital, Ku-cheng	4,000
Foochow Mission Press Building	5,000
Mission Press Type, Presses &c	15,000

NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Deaths.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Sabbath-School.	No. of Sabbath-Schools Teachers.	No. Sabbath-Scholars.
Foochow District.												
Tieng-ang Dong	7	4	190	229	9	24	5	1	90	10	40	50
Cing-sing „	1	..	70	36	..	18	12	..	..	2	..	35
Hok-ing „	1	..	43	52	1	12	1	.	..	2	..	4
Siu-liang „	..	1	47	82	..	23	5	..	..	6	..	31
Puo-a	..	1	32	30	5	12	2	..	..	1	..	2
Lu-loi	..	1	39	56	2	27	..	..	..	1	4	5
A-hung Ga	..	1	10	13	..	9	2	..	..	1	..	1
Ngie-cang	..	1	10	30	1	14	..	..	..	1	2	2
Siu-ba Iang	1	..	41	28	..	21	1	..	...	9	10	20
Iek-iong	..	1	57	224	2	16	2	..	..	1	1	7
Ngu-kang	1	1	50	27	4	6	..	..	.	3	3	7
Nguong-die	..	..	43	50	..	27	3	.	..	4	..	15
Dai-hu	.	1	..	16	..	12	1	..	..	4	1	8
Total	11	12	632	873	24	221	34	1	90	45	61	187
Hok-chiang District.												
Hok-chiang City	2	..	75	135	1	22	12	1	5	7	10	22
Deng-cheng	1	..	17	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	
Geng-gieng	1	1	136	192	2	15	19	..	.	7	9	12
Ngu-cheng	3	1	182	300	2	18	5	1	60	6	11	13
Sing-dong	..	4	122	184	2	17	11	2	30	6	6	8
Siek-geng	..	2	138	169	3	20	14	..	..	9	9	11
Dëng-aing	1	..	88	61	..	14	4	2	50	3	3	6
Hai-ieu	1	..	102	132	3	9	9	..	..	6	6	10
A-u	1	..	61	62	3	1	3	..	..	2	2	4
Sang-sang	..	1	27	60	1	3	..	..	..	1	1	
Hai-kau	1	..	54	90	2	16	1	..	..	3	3	6
Siong-gong-ing	..	1	75	146	2	6	7	..	..	3	3	8
A-gong-ing	1	..	9	98	..	13	7	..	..	3	3	
Ngu-ka	1	..	24	80	1	25	..	.	..	5	5	
Total	12	10	1060	1710	22	179	92	6	145	62	72	11
Ming-chiang District.												
Ne-du	1	1	109	141	2	104	9	5	100	6	6	1
Lëk-du	3	..	143	80	1	78	11	5	160	1	7	
Sek-ek and Sek-ne Du	1	..	39	38	..	14	4	3	60	3	4	
Sek-se Du	1	..	46	50	1	19	3	4	60	3	3	
Sek-ngo Du	1	..	110	120	2	30	15	5	110	3	4	1
Total	7	1	447	429	6	245	42	22	490	16	24	4

No. of Day-Schools.	No. of Day-School Pupils.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages	No. of Halls and other Rented place for Worship.	Collected for Bishop's Support.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for Home Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
22	380	1	$3400	2	$ 20.45	$108.10	...	$34.08	$259.31	$627.52	$93.28
6	148	1	2000	..	1.00	6.40	..	3.00	23.45	5.00	5.60
17	390	1	..	..	1.00	10.00	...	2.65	30.00	.....	2.00
16	296	1	300	..	.50	11.00	....	3.15	57.40	.....	4.00
10	286	..	....	1	....	5.00	....	2.60	14.00	.....	5.70
4	90	..	....	..	1.00	2.00	....	5.85	5.25	.....	12.00
4	60	..	....	..	2.20	2.00	....	.80	50.00	54.00	3.00
7	140	..	....	1	....	1.50	...	.70	6.10	2.05	1.55
10	200	1	300	..	1.00	2.50	....	1.00	14.50	.....	3.50
4	84	1	500	..	1.00	3.00	....	1.50	25.00	182.00	8.80
18	280	2	500	1	1.00	6.00	..	.10	18.00	10.00	....
13	180	1	800	..	....	3.70	....	....	10.00	81.00	....
4	77	1	....	..	....	2.00	....	.80	8.00	.....	....
135	2611	10	$7800	5	$ 29.15	$163.20	.....	$56.23	$521.01	$961.57	$134.43
7	110	2	$ 2990	3	$ 1.00	$ 5.50	$ 6.00	$ 1.50	$ 55.00	$ 50.00	$38.00
..	..	..	....	1	.20	1.00	1.00	.50	6.00	.....	8.00
2	30	7	1268	2	.50	7.00	4.00	2.60	72.00	25.00	68.00
1	17	2	460	3	2.00	12.00	7.00	22.00	110.00	90.00	80.00
3	57	3	1480	4	1.00	5.20	2.00	2.00	53.00	6.00	60.00
2	36	5	1600	2	1.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	63.00	.....	50.00
1	17	2	300	1	.40	1.20	2.00	1.00	25.50	.....	16.00
2	34	4	....	2	.50	4.70	2.00	....	52.50	.....	36.00
2	30	2	1400	..	.60	3.00	2.00	....	30.00	4.00	12.00
..	..	..	....	1	.40	1.50	1.00	2.00	16.00	.....	10.00
1	17	2	915	..	.50	6.00	3.50	3.40	52.00	.....	55.00
1	19	1	260	..	.65	5.00	2.00	1.00	46.00	5.00	30.00
1	17	..	....	1	.50	2.00	....	....	40.00	.....	36.00
2	..	1	...	1	.50	5.00	3.00	.10	20.00	.....	....
25	384	31	$11373	21	$ 9.75	$64.30	$40.50	$39.00	$641.00	$180.00	$499.00
5	79	1	$ 622	3	$ 1.00	$ 3.00	$2.80	$ 1.00	$ 77.80	$577.00	$16.00
7	112	1	1260	2	1.00	8.00	....	1.65	33.00	31.00	....
3	45	..	....	4	.30	2.00	....	....	20.00	....	....
3	45	..	200	1	.50	2.00	....	....	24.50	5.50	....
4	60	1	....	5	.50	4.00	....	3.00	38.00	.....	1.00
22	341	3	$ 2082	15	$ 3.30	$19.00	$2.80	$ 5.65	$193.30	$613.50	$17.00

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Hai-tang District.												
Bang-tang	2	..	40	39	2	3	..	..	..	2	2	2
Nguk-seu	1	..	85	250	1	45	15	3	60	5	9	25
Dai-bang	1	..	50	40	..	5	4	..	..	2	3	3
Sang-le	..	..	67	68	1	9	9	.	..	2	2	4
Dai-ho	..	..	60	58	...	9	14	1	98	3	3	7
Dung-siong	..	..	3	29	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Dai dieng	..	..	..	20	..	3	..	..	..	.	..	.
Total	4	.	305	504	4	74	42	4	158	15	20	42
Iong-bing District.												
Iong-bing City	1	..	30	90	...	14	....	....	...	....	....	..
Ciong-hu-bang	2	1	70	20	2	15	10	....	....	2	3	7
Sek-se-du	..	1	17	6	....	6	2	....	....	1	2	1
Sek-chek-du	1	1	20	48	1	13	5	1	30	1	2	3
Iu-ka-gaing	1	..	31	12	1	6	.	..	....	2	2	8
Sing-gio	1	..	15	8	4	....	....	....	....	1	1	1
Iong-de	..	1	15	5	....	....	...	....	....	2	3	1
Se-sek-ngo-du	1	..	13	40	....	1	2	.	....	2	2	4
Sa-gaing	1	..	11	18	1	5	1	....	....	1	1	1
Do-nguong	..	1	24	9	2	...	.....	....	....	3	3	1
Song-chiong	..	1	27	27	1	2	1	...	...	2	2	4
Total	8	6	273	283	12	62	21	1	30	17	21	3
Ku-cheng District.												
Chong-tau	1	..	24	2	..	4	..	1	12	1	2	
Dio-ha	..	..	82	12	..	8	6	..	..	1	4	1
Dai-giang	1	1	21	10	..	5	2	..	..	..	4	.
Dong-huang	1	..	37	8	1	2	1	1	33	2	2	
Ding-sang	1	..	28	20	..	17	1	..	..	2	90	..
Go-iong	1	2	37	8	..	2	2	..	..	1	3	
Ku-cheng	3	1	94	40	4	20	3	3	200	3	20	3
Ku-de	2	2	79	28	..	18	8	..	..	..	..	.
Huang-de-iong	.	..	28	12	1	3	3	1	..	3	3	
Huang-kang	1	..	22	12	2	4	7	1	40	1	1	
Liang-tau	1	..	134	45	2	6	4	5	200	5	7	2
Loi-hung	1	1	41	34	..	8	7	..	..	1	..	1
Sek-baik-du	2	..	70	110	2	14	11	1	..	5	6	1
Seng-leng	1	..	40	7	1	2	1	1	30	2	2	
Seng-iong	1	1	45	36	1	17	7	3	60	3	3	
Total	17	8	782	384	14	130	63	17	575	30	143	15

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1	18	1	$ 1400	..	$ 1.00	$ 8.00	$....	$	$ 16.00	$ 23.70	$ ....
6	121	1	1200	..	1.50	7.00	5.00	....	79.00	430.00	23.00
5	85	2	620	..	.50	2.50	....	1.50	15.00	.....	2.00
3	45	1	950	..	1.00	4.20	....	....	36.20	.....	13.00
2	45	....	....	1	.70	1.80	....	1.30	22.00	200.00	....
..	....	....	....	1	....	.30	....	....	2.90	.....	....
..	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1.00	.....	....
17	314	5	$ 4170	3	$ 4.70	$23.80	$5.00	$ 2.80	$173.10	$653.70	$38.00
..	....	1	$ 300	..	$ .50	$ 5.00	....	$	$ 20.60	$.....	$ ....
2	35	1	1000	1	.20	5.00	....	5.50	20.00	.....	....
1	18	1	500	..	.20	5.80	...	....	6.10	.....	....
3	42	....	....	2	.20	4.25	....	....	6.65	... ..	....
..	....	....	....	1	.20	3.40	...	...	19.05	5.00	.80
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NAMES OF CIRCUITS OR STATIONS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Deaths.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Sabbath-Schools.	No. of Sabbath-School Teachers.	No. Sabbath-Scholars.
Summary by Districts.												
Foochow District. - - - - -	11	12	622	857	24	221	34	4	190	44	61	187
Hok-chiang ,, - - - - -	12	10	1060	1710	22	179	92	6	145	62	72	119
Hai-tang ,, - - - - -	4	..	305	504	4	74	42	4	158	15	20	42
Iong-bing ,, - - - - -	8	6	273	283	12	62	21	1	80	17	21	31
Ku-cheng ,, - - - - -	17	8	782	384	14	130	63	17	575	30	143	121
Ming-chiang ,, - - - - -	7	1	447	429	6	245	42	22	490	16	24	47
Grand Total (1896) -	61	37	3489	4167	82	911	294	54	1588	184	341	547
,, ,, (1895) -	51	25	3207	3590	....	740	327	...	....	162	300	503
Increase	10	12	282	577	....	171	33	..	....	22	41	44
Decrease	..	.	....	...	....	....	....	...	....	...	....	...

No. of Day-Schools.	No. of Day-School Pupils.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages	No. of Halls and other Rented places for Worship.	Collected for Bishop's Support.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for Home Missionary Society.	Collected for other Benevolent Societies.	Collected for Self-Support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairing.	Contributed for other Local Purposes.
135	2711	5	$ 7800.00	5	$29.15	$160.20	$ ...	$ 56.23	$ 521.07	$ 961.57	$134.43
25	385	31	11339.00	21	9.25	64.30	40.50	39.60	641.00	180.00	499.00
17	314	5	4170.00	3	4.70	23.80	5.00	2.80	173.10	653.70	38.00
7	112	5	2300.00	8	2.50	35.50	.....	9.83	106.54	24.50	.97
25	461	11	4838.20	10	7.30	54.70	.. ..	97.11	190.95	44.20	58.00
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OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE

OF THE

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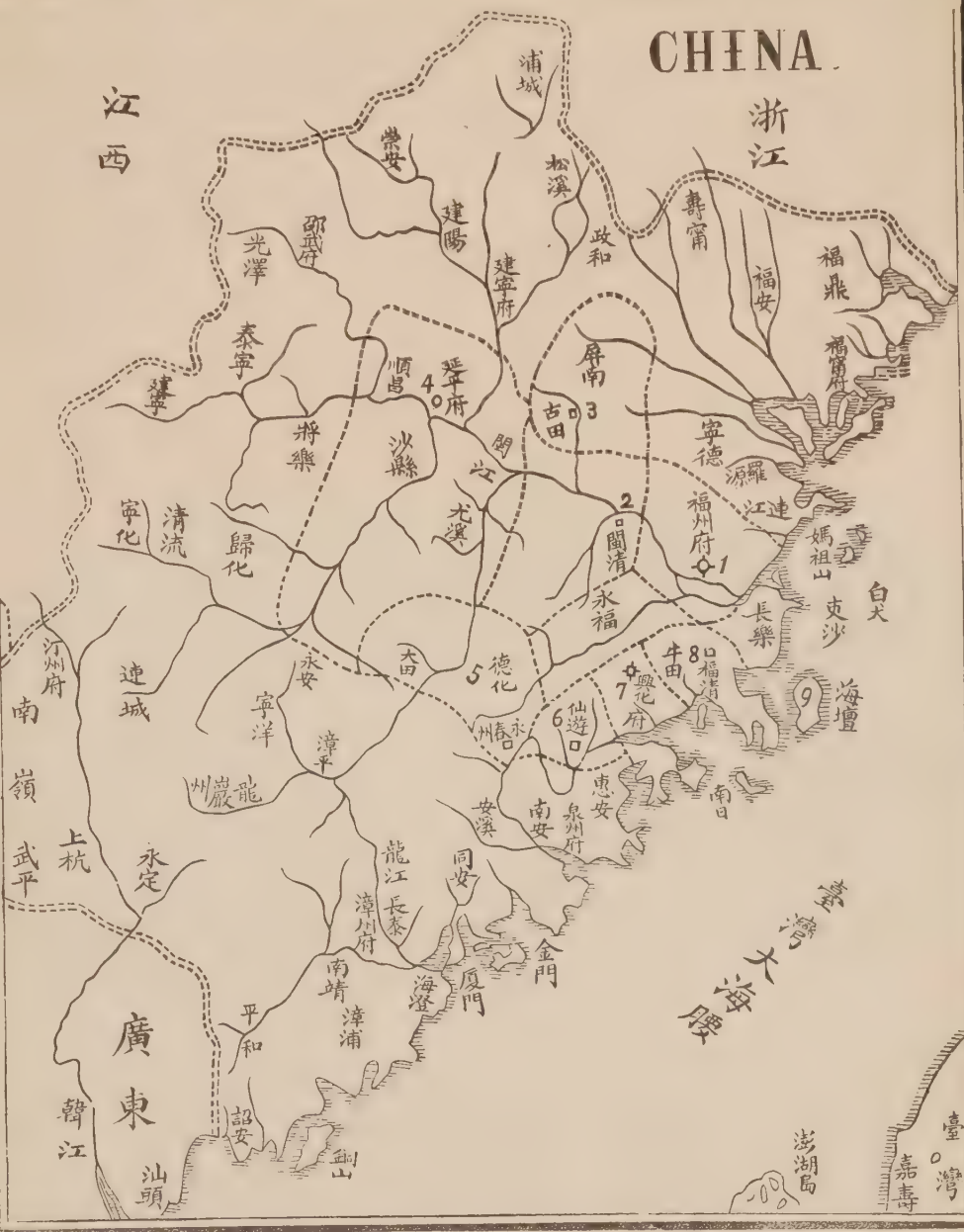

1. Foochow District.
2. Ming-chiang ,,
3. Ku-cheng ,,
4. Iong-bing District.
5. Ing-chung ,,
6. Sieng-iu ,,
7. Hing-hua District.
8. Hok-chiang ,,
9. Hai-tang ,,

Districts 5, 6. & 7 now belong to the Hing-hua Mission Conference.

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Part One

THE SESSION.

I. Officers and Committees.

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I. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS.

President. Bishop Isaac W. Joyce.

Interpreter. J. H. Worley.

Secretaries.

English: N. J. Plumb; James. Simester, Ass't.

Chinese: Ding Ung Tiu; Uong Huong Sing, Ass't.

Statistical: W. A. Main; Ho Dieu Iu, Ass't.

Treasurer. William H. Lacy.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Board of Conference Stewards:—N. J. Plumb, Ding Daing Dieu, U Sieu E, Ling Mi Ing, Pang Ding Hie, Ding Iok Nguong, Li Guong Sieu.

On State of the Church:—M. C. Wilcox, James Simester, G. S. Miner, Ding Dai Liong, Ding Siu Kung, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Diong Seuk Buo, Uong De Gi.

On Education:—M. C. Wilcox, W. H. Lacy, W. A. Main, Li Guong Sieu, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong, Diong Giu Hua.

On Books:—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, Hu Caik Hang, Ding Dai Liong, Ling Seu Ing, Huong Daik Chiong, Pang Ding Hie, Ho Dieu Iu.

On Temperance:—G. S. Miner, James Simester, Ung Sing Chuang, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Daing Dieu, Ding Cing Seng, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Diong Giu U.

On Worship:—W. A. Main, Hu Bo Mi, J. Simester, Uong De Gi, Ding Bo Cing, Ciong Hok Cu, Diong Giu Hua, U Sieu E.

On Finance:—N. J. Plumb, W. A. Main, Hu Bo Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Siu Kung, Diong Seuk Buo, Ung Sing Chuang, G. S. Miner.

On Epworth League:—Hu Caik Hang, Sarah M. Bosworth, Ciong Hok Cu.

On Memoirs:—Iek Ing Guang, Ding Siu Kung, G. B. Smyth, Ding Daing Diu.

To Nominate Standing Committees:—The Presiding Elders.

On Resolutions:—W. H. Lacy, James Simester, W. A. Main.

II CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

First Day, Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 1897.

Opening.—The Twenty-first session of the Foochow Conference convened in the new Tieng Ang Dong at 8:30 A. M.

Bishop Joyce took the chair and conducted the religious services. N. J. Plumb read portions of Is., 40, and S. L. Baldwin read I Cor. 11: 23-26. The Bishop aided by S. L. Baldwin, N. J. Plumb and the Presiding Elders, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 296 persons.

Roll Call.—The roll of the conference was called by last year's Secretary.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were then elected.

English Secretary	N. J. Plumb.
Assistant	James Simester.
Chinese	Ding Ung Tieu.
Assistant	Uong Huong Sing.
Statistical Secretary	W. A. Main.
Assistant	Ho Dieu Iu.
Treasurer	W. H. Lacy.
Interpreter	J. H. Worley.

Standing Committees.—The following Standing Committees were then elected.

Board of Conference Stewards:—N. J. Plumb, Ding Daing Diu, U Sieu E, Ling Mi Ing, Pang Ding Hie, Ding Iok Nguong, Li Guong Sieu.

On State of the Church:—M. C. Wilcox, James Simester, G. S. Miner, Ding Dai Liong, Ding Sieu Kung, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Diong Seuk Buo, Uong De Gi.

On Education:—M. C. Wilcox, W. H. Lacy, W. A. Main, Li Guong Sieu, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong, Diong Giu Hua.

On Books:—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, Hu Caik Hang, Ding Dai Liong, Ling Seu Ing, Huong Daik Chiong, Pang Ding Hie, Ho Dieu Iu.

On Temperance:—G. S. Miner, James Simester, Ung Sing Chuang, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Daing Dieu, Ding Cing Seng, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Diong Giu U.

On Worship:—W. A. Main, Hu Bo Mi, J. Simester, Uong De Gi, Ding Bo Cing, Ciong Hok Cu, Diong Giu Hua, U Sieu E.

On Finance:—N. J. Plumb, W. A. Main, Hu Bo Mi, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Siu Kung, Diong Seuk Buo, Ung Sing Chuang, G. S. Miner.

On Epworth League:—Hu Caik Hang, Sarah M. Bosworth, Ciong Hok Cu.

On Memoirs:— Iek Ing Guang, Ding Siu Kung, G. B. Smyth, Ding Daing Diu.

To Nominate Standing Committees:—The Presiding Elders.

On Resolutions:—W. H. Lacy, James Simester, W. A. Main.

Hours and Bar.—The hours for the sessions of the conference were fixed at 8:30 A. M. to 12 M. The bar was fixed at the fifth seat from the rostrum.

The visiting brethren were invited to seats within the conference bar.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop then made a brief address, expressing his hope that the conference session and the Jubilee services immediatety following, should be marked with power and pentecostal grace.

Introductions.—Rev. S. L. Baldwin, D. D., a former missionary in Foochow and now Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the conference in Chinese, though he had been away from the field for seventeen years.

Rev. H. H. Lowry, D. D., also a former Foochow missionary and now a member of the North China Conference, was in-

troduced and addressed the conference in Mandarin.

Rev. R. C. Beebe, M. D., Hu Chaik Pin and Tsu Tsing Cheng, of the Central China Mission, W. H. Lacy and M. C. Wilcox, recently returned from America, Rev. M. Studley of the American Reformed Mission in Amoy, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Joyce, and Mrs. Lacy, were each in turn introduced to the Conference.

Book Concern Dividend.—The Bishop announced that the Book Concern Dividend to this Conference amounted to $375 gold. On motion a draft for this amount was ordered, payable to N. J. Plumb, Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

The Thirteenth Question, *Was the character of each preacher examined?* was taken up. The name of J. H. Worley, presiding elder of the Foochow District was called, his character passed and he presented an encouraging report of the district.

The name of Huong Pau Seng, Presiding Elder of the Hai-tang District was called, his character passed, and his report was read by the Chinese secretary.

The name of Dang Seng Ling, presiding elder of the Iong-bing District, was called, his character passed, and he presented the report of his district.

Rev. S. L. Gracey, D. D., U. S. Consul at this port, was introduced and briefly addressed the conference.

The announcements were then made and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Joyce.

Second Day, Thursday, Nov. 11th, 1897.

Conference met at 9:30. Bishop Joyce in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. S. L. Baldwin.

Opening.—The minutes of yesterday's session were read in English and Chinese, and approved.

Introductions.—Rev. G. F. Draper, his mother Mrs. Draper, and Miss Hampton, connected with our work in Japan, and Miss

Howe of Central China Mission, were each in turn introduced to the Conference.

The Thirteenth Question, was again taken up. The name of Chiong Daik Liong was called, his character passed, and he presented the report of Ming-chiang District.

The name of Iek Ing Guang was called, his character passed, and he presented the report of Ku-cheng District.

The names of the following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections and the number of probationers received during the year.

Foochow District: Hu Bo Mi, Ding Ung Tieu, Ding Daing Dieu, Uong De Gi, Hu Caik Hang.

Hai-tang District: Ceng Ung Uong, Ung Seng Chuang, U Sieu E.

Hok-chiang District:—Ding Hieng Ngieu, Huong Daik Chiong, Sie Seng Cang, Ling Mi Ing.

Iong-bing District:—Diong Seuk Buo, Pang Ding Hie, Ding Giu U.

Ku-cheng District:—Tiang Nguk Chiu, Ling Ui Sieng, Ding Siu Kung, Ling Seu Ing, Ding Bo Ching, Tiang Nguk Cheu, Ding Iok Nguong, Tiong Cing Dung, Tiang Siong Hui, Ling Heng Dung.

Ming-chiang District: Ding Dai Liong, Lau Kuang Hung, Li Guong Sieu.

Introduction.—Rev. Dr. Kuoh, pastor of an Amoy church was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference,

The names of the following missionaries were called, and their characters passed. N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, G. S. Miner, W. H. Lacy, M. C. Wilcox, W. P. MacVey was transferred to Northern Minnesota Conference, and R. L. McNabb was transferred to the Colorado Conference.

G. S. Miner reported his Day School work.

M. C. Wilcox reported his work as delegate to General Conference.

Mrs. Wilcox was here introduced to the Conference.

The Fifth Question, *Who have been continued on trial?* was

then taken up.

(*a*) In Studies of the First Year: Sia Tieng Ang, Cheu Teng Yen.

(*b*) In Studies of Second Year: Tai Ku Cheng, Kiang Cing Chieh, Cheng Dai Fu, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chung Shuh Ling, Iong Hie Ung.

(*c*) In Studies of Third Year: Teng Dieu Peh, Co Kong Ching, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Be Dak, Ho Dieu Iu.

(*d*) In Studies of Fourth Year: Hu Caik Biu.

The Fourth Question, *Who have been received on trial?* was asked and the following persons having been recommended and having passed the required examination were received in the Conference on trial.

Ling Su Uong, Huong Do Nguong. From the Central China Mission, Wilbor F. Wilson, Tsung Cheng Chai, Dai Ung Uong, Yek Shio King, Li Yuen Shen.

The First Question, *Who have been transferred, and from what Conference?* was called.

Nich Cheng Yu was transferred from the North China Conference and A. J. Bowen from the Puget Sound Conference. A. J. Bowen is in the studies of the 1st year.

Sermons.—The Bishop announced that the missionary sermon by Hu Bo Mi would be preached at 2:30 P. M. today and the Annual Sermon by Hu Chaik Hang, tomorrow at 2:30 P. M.

Reception of Fraternal Delegates.—N. J. Plumb moved that 10 o'clock A. M. on Saturday be fixed as the time for the reception of Fraternal Delegates and the reading of fraternal letters.

Place of Next Conference.—The 20th question was then called and Foochow and Ku-cheng were put in nomination and Foochow was fixed as the place for the Conference in 1898.

Board of Deaconesses.—On motion of G. B. Smyth, Hu Caik Hang was placed on the Board of Deaconesses in place of Li Diong Cui, who is now in the Hing-hua Conference.

Adjournment.—The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Dr. Lowry.

Third Day, Friday, Nov. 12th, 1897.

Opening.—The Conference assembled at the appointed hour. N. J. Plumb conducted the religious services.

The minutes of the previous session were read in English and Chinese, and approved.

Introductions.—G. S. Welch Esq. and wife of Denver, Col. were introduced to the Conference.

The Ninth Question, *What members are in studies of the fourth year?* was then called. Diong Giu Hua and Chung Daik Ming were called, their character passed, and they were elected to Deacon's Orders. The name of U Siu Ling was called, his character passed, and he was elected to Elder's Orders.

U Seuk Hu having died, on motion the claims of his family for support were referred to the Board of Conference Stewards.

The Eleventh Question was resumed. On motion the case of Uong Huong Sing was reconsidered and referred again to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The Fifth Question was taken up. James O. Curnow, of Central China, and Sia Tieng Ang in the U. S., were continued in studies of the first year.

Ho Ik Ngung was discontinued at his own request.

The Seventh Question, *Who have been admitted into full membership?* Siek Gi Chiong, Wong Hung Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Ko Dung, Uug Uong Chui, Uong Hung Ngung, James Simester, Wie Tek Yuen, Tsu Tsing Cheng, Tieng Ung Ming, Li Gi Chiong, were called before the Conference and after prayer and singing, were addressed by the Bishop.

The Bishop asked the Disciplinary questions, their characters passed, they reported their collections, and were all admitted to membership in the Conference. All but James Simester who had been previously ordained, were elected to Deacon's Orders.

The following are local Deacons in Central China: King

Ing Kuo and E. R. Jellison.

Ding Hiong Ching, a local Deacon in Ku-cheng District, was recommended and elected to Local Elder's Orders.

The Twenty-third Question.—The Presiding Elder of the Ku-cheng District requested a supernumerary relation for Ling Hung Tung on account of poor health.

On motion his case was referred to the Board of Conference Stewards.

Hu Bo Mi and Pang Ding Hie were given a superannuated relation at their own request. They briefly addressed the Conference. Their cases were referred to the Board of Conference Stewards.

Preachers' Aid Society.—N. J. Plumb, Treasurer of the superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, presented the report of that Society and on motion it was adopted. (see Reports.)

G. B. Smyth, Iek Ing Guang, Uong De Gi were elected trustees of the above society.

Fraternal Delegates.—Bishop Joyce and Dr. Baldwin were appointed to represent the conference in responding to the Fraternal addresses to-morrow.

The announcements were made and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. H. E. Studley of Amoy.

Fourth Day, Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1897.

Opening.—Conference met at the usual hour, with Bishop Joyce in the chair. The religious services were conducted by Ding Iok Nguong.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Tenth Question.—The case of Uong Huong Sing which had been referred to the Committee on Conference Relations was

represented and he was elected to Elder's Order under question 10.

Memoirs.—The Bishop called for the report of Committee on Memoirs and requested the conference to fix the time for the Memorial service. On motion the time was fixed on Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Triers of Appeals.—The Bishop announced the following trier of appeals: G. S. Miner, G. B. Smyth, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, Uong De Gi, Hu Caik Hang, U Sieu E, W. A. Main.

Examination Committee.—On motion of W. H. Lacy, a committee of three was ordered and appointed to examine the teachers of the girls' schools, as follows: Uong De Gi, Hu Caik Hang, U Sieu E.

N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth and Uong De Gi were appointed a committee to examine medical students.

Epworth League.—The report of the committee on Epworth League was read by the Chinese secretary and on motion of N. J. Plumb was accepted, and ordered printed in the Conference Minutes. The following Secretaries were elected as advised in the report.

Conference Secretary	Miss Bosworth.
Foochow District	Hu Sie Guong.
Hai-tang ,,	U Sieu E.
Hok-chiang ,,	Miss Allen.
Iong-bing ,,	Diong Giu Hua.
Ku-cheng ,,	Ding Diong Hie.
Ming-chiang ,,	Miss Peters.

Central Conference.—The question was raised as to whether the action of the Central Conference, in changing the name for the Epworth League, was binding on this Conference. The Bishop decided that such action was binding. The new name was therefore announced as Ai-puo-o-daik Huoi.

Bishop Joyce here announced that the Central Conference has established a new paper called the Chinese Christian Advocate, to be published at Foochow for all China.

Fraternal Delegates.—The hour having arrived for the re-

ception of fraternal delegates, the order of the day was on motion taken up.

Rev. Dwight Goddard and Ling Ping Puang of the American Board Mission, Rev. H. E. Studley and Kwoh Nga Pek of the American Reformed Mission in Amoy, were introduced and addressed the conference. A letter from the churches in Amoy was then read. Rev. J. Martin and Mr. Chio of the Anglican Mission and Rev. H. H. Lowry, D. D. of the North China Conference, were introduced and addressed the conference.

Dr. S. L. Baldwin responded on behalf of the conference.

The secretary then read letters of greeting from the Japan Conference, Mrs. Mary C. Nind, and Rev. E. W. Parker, D. D. of North India Conference.

On motion the time was extended to hear from the other visitors present.

Rev. R. C. Beebe, M. D., of Nankin and Rev. G. F. Draper of Japan Conference were introduced and addressed the conference.

Introductions.—Miss Pinkney, recently come from America to teach the children of the missionaries, and J. E. Skinner, M. D., the newly appointed physician to Ku-cheng, were introduced.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Joyce.

Fifth Day, Monday, Nov. 15th, 1897.

Morning Session.

Opening.—The conference met at the appointed hour. The religious services were conducted by Ding Siu Kung.

In the absence of the Bishop Dr. S. L. Baldwin took the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

Introductions.—The Rev. Mr. Hendry of the M. E. Church South, was introduced to the conference and also Rev. Ding Ga

Sing of the Hing-hua Mission Conference.

Reports.—Huong Pau Seng presented the report on fraternal delegates and fraternal correspondence and on motion of N. J. Plumb it was adopted as read.

The report of the committee on the State of the Church was presented by Uong De Gi which after some discussion was adopted. Huong Pau Seng reported the standing committees nominated for 1898, and these were approved. (See Standing Committees.)

Ordinations.—Bishop Joyce presented the following certificate of ordination.

This certifies that on Sunday November 14th, 1897 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Foochow, China, I ordained Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Hung Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Gi Chiong, Li Ko Dung, Ung Uong Cui, Uong Hung Ngung and Tsu Tsing Chen, Deacons in the Church of God;

And the same day in the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Uong Huong Sing, U Sieu Ling and Ding Hiong Cing, Elders in the Church of God.

(Signed) Isaac W. Joyce.

Foochow China, November 15th, 1897.

Reports.—N. J. Plumb presented his report of the Foochow M. E. Mission Press, which was adopted.

The reports of the Ming-chiang Boys Boarding School and Hok-chiang Boys Boarding School were read and adopted.

Epworth League.—On motion of N. J. Plumb a change was made in the report on Epworth League previously adopted,

and the name of Ding Diong Hie was put in the place of Miss Rouse as district secretary for Ku-cheng.

At this point Bishop Joyce entered and took the chair.

Reports.—The report of the Ku-cheng Boys Boarding School, was read by the monitor Ding Hiong Ching. It was adopted and ordered printed.

N. J. Plumb read his report of the Foochow School of Theology, and Bishop Joyce made some very appropriable remarks on the importance of having the very best and brightest young men within the bounds of the conference in the theological school preparing for the ministry. The report was adopted.

Reports of W. F. M. S.—The hour having arrived for the reception of the W. F. M. S. ladies, they were on motion invited to present their reports.

Miss Bonafield represented the work in the Foochow district, and Miss Linam reported her work in the Girls Orphanage.

The Foochow medical work was represented by Dr. Hu King Eng, who gave an interesting account of the treatment of a daughter of a high official which resulted in the young lady unbinding her feet.

Dr. Carleton represented the medical work in Ming-chiang, giving only a brief outline of her report. Miss Allen reported the work in the Hok-chiang and Hai-tang districts.

W. F. M. S. Resolutions.—The ladies here presented some reports on the subject of infant betrothals and the use of money in connection with the marriage contracts. These resolutions had been adopted by the Woman's Conference of more than 200 women, and they requested this conference to adopt the same.

They were read and discussed at some length and after some amendments they were unanimously adopted, (see Resolutions).

Foot Binding.—Resolutions were also presented by the ladies on the subject of foot binding, which were unanimously adopted as read.

The reports of Ku-cheng and Iong-bing Districts by Miss Hartford and Miss Rouse were received without reading and or-

dered printed, together with all the W. F. M. S. reports already received.

Adjournment.—It was decided to meet again at seven o'clock for the memorial services in accordance with the report of the committee on Memoirs.

The conference then adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Joyce.

Evening Session.

Memorial Services.—The conference assembled at seven o'clock for the Memorial services.

Dr. S. L. Baldwin took the chair and Iek Ing Guang presided over the religious exercises.

Hymn no. 202 was sung after which Dr. Baldwin led in prayer.

Dr. Sia Siek Ong. Iek Ing Guang and Uong De Gi spoke concerning the life and character of the late Dr. Sia Sek Ong. After the singing of the 189th Hymn Hu Bo Mi, Diong Seuk Buo, and others made further remarks concerning his labor and noble example of devotion to the cause of Christ, (see Memoirs).

U Seuk Hu. Ding Siu Kung then gave an address on the life and work of Rev. U Seuk Hu, (see Memoirs).

Huong Pau Seng's children. G. B. Smyth read a paper concerning the son of Huong Pau Seng who was drowned while on his way home from school, and also read an extract from the Ming Seng Huoi Bo, concerning the death of the three children.

Mrs. Co Kong Ching. Ding Daing Dieu spoke concerning the life and last days of Mrs. Co Kong Ching. Memorial papers regarding these persons were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

Adjournment.—The session then adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Iek Ing Guang.

Sixth Day, Tuesday, Nov. 16th, 1897.

Opening.—Conference opened at the usual hour, Dr. Baldwin presiding. Religious services were conducted by J. H. Worley. The Chinese minutes of yesterday morning's session were read by the Chinese secretary and approved by the conference. The minutes of Monday evening's session were also read and approved.

Reports.—N. J. Plumb read the report of the Board of Conference Stewards. On motion it was adopted.

The statistical report was then presented and, on motion, it was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was read in Chinese by Hung Seng Chuang, and on motion it was adopted.

Appointments.—The following appointments were then made.
To preach the missionary sermon:-Ciong Hok Cu;
Alternate, W. A. Main.
To preach the conference sermon:-James Simester;
Alternate, Tiang Nguk Ceu.

Reports.—The report of Epworth Leagues was read by Miss Bosworth. On motion it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion, Diong Giu Hua and Sarah M. Bosworth were appointed delegates to represent us at the Christian Endeavour convention at Ponasang this afternoon.

G. B. Smyth presented the report of the Anglo-Chinese College. On motion it was adopted.

The report of the Fuhkien Christian Advocate was read by G. B. Smyth and, on motion, adopted.

Christian Advocate.—Uong De Gi was elected associate editor of the Chinese Christian Advocate.

W. H. Lacy was elected as the Foochow member of the committee to publish the Chinese Christian Advocate.

The Bishop then made a few remarks about the new Ad-

vocate and urged the pastors to do their best to get subscribers for it.

Reports.—The report of the Boys Boarding School was read by G. B. Smyth, and adopted.

Litigation.—J. H. Worley read the following resolutions adopted by the Central Conference:

3.—In regard to litigation, inasmuch as there is in some places a tendency to abuse the rights granted by treaty to native Christians, we recommend:

(*a*) That no native agent be allowed to take any case before the Chinese officials.

(*b*) That no missionary should present any case, either to the Consul or to the Chinese officials, without previous consulation with, and the approval of, his brethren, except in cases of extreme urgency; provided that it be understood that no interference is intended with the personal rights of individual Christians.

S. L. Gracey, D. D., U. S. Consul at this port, was introduced and addressed the conference on the subject of these resolutions.

Central Conference—The action of the Central Conference petitioning the Board of Bishops to extend the term of episcopal visitation to China from two to four years was read and approved by this Conference.

The ratio of ministerial representation to the Central Conference, as adopted by the first Central Conference was accepted. A committee of five to consider a plan of lay representation in the Central Conference was appointed as follows: N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, G. S. Miner, Hu Caik Hang and Uong De Gi. They are to report next year.

Minutes.—The English minutes of yesterday's session were then read and approved.

Reports.—The report of the committee on Education was read and adopted.

The committee on Temperance made its report which was on motion adopted.

The report of the committee on Books was adopted as amended.

The committee on Worship reported its actions and the report was adopted.

The report of the Liang-au Hospital was read and adopted.

Fraternal Delegates.—N. J. Plumb and Hu Caik Hang were elected delegates to the Semi-Centennial exercises of the M. E. Church South to be held at Shanghai in 1898. G. S. Miner and Ciong Hok Cu were elected alternates.

Publish Minutes.—On motion, the Secretaries, W. H. Lacy and Uong De Gi were appointed a committee to publish the minutes.

On motion, the names of the committees were ordered printed in the Christian Advocate.

On motion the English minutes were declared to be the official minutes.

Resolutions.—Resolutions expressing our gratitude for the new church and for the entertainment provided were passed, also resolutions respecting Drs. White, Maclay and Baldwin, and Bishop Joyce. (See Resolutions).

On motion, the time was extended to finish the business of the conference.

Fraternal Greetings.—Drs. White and Maclay were included in the names of those to whom letters are to be written.

The following were appointed.

To write to Dr. White ..... Hu Bo Mi.
" " " Dr. Maclay ..... Iek Ing Guang.
" " " Miss Wolston, N. J. Plumb.

U Sieu E, J. H. Worley and Uong De Gi were appointed to prepare a program for next conference.

G. S. Miner was appointed to write to Mrs. Sites.

Co Kong Ching was appointed to write to Ling Ching Mi.

Sie Seng Cang was appointed to write to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler.

Printing Minutes.—On motion of N. J. Plumb all reports adopted by the conference were ordered printed but the committee were authorized to abreviate them as may be necessary.

Treasurer's Report.—W. H. Lacy presented the Treasurer's report, which was adopted.

Minutes Read.—The Chinese and English minutes were then read and approved.

Devotional Service.—A hymn was sung, prayer was offered, the Bishop briefly addressed the conference and then read the appointments.

Adjournment sine die.—The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced, and the Bishop announced the conference adjourned.

III. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—*Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Nieh Chen Yi from North China. Arthur J. Bowen, in studies of the first year, from Puget Sound Conference.

2.—*Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3.—*Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4.—*Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year: Wilbur F. Wilson, Lung Chen Tsai, Tsai Wen Yuen, Yek Hsio King, Li Yuen Shen, Ling Seu Uong, Huong Do Nguong.

(b) In Studies of Third Year: None.

5.—*Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year: Chen Teng Yin, James O. Curnow, Sia Tieng Ang, Arthur J Bowen.

(b) In Studies of Second Year: Tai Ku Chen, Kiang Ming Chih, Chen Mei Fu, Iong Hie Ung, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuh Liang, Ernest R. Jellison, Jesse F. Newman.

(c) In Studies of Third Year: None.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year: None.

(6)—*Who have been Discontinued?*

Ho Ik Ngụng.

7.—*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year: Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Hong Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Li Gi Chiong, Ung Uong Cui, Li Ko Dung, Uong Hung Ngung, Tsu Tsing Chen. The following will be ordained in Central China, Wu Teh Yuen, Tieng Yu Ming.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously: James Simester.

8.—*What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year: Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Hong Siong, Ling Dieu Daik, Ung Uong Cui, Li Ko Dung, Tsu Tsing Chen, Wu Teh Yuen, Tieng Yu Ming, James Simester.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously: Co Kong Ching, Chiong Hok Chu, Ding Bek Dak, Ho Dieu Ieu.

9.—*What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Diong Gieu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Hu Chi Pin, Uong Hung Ngung.

10.—*What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

Ding Cheng Seng, Cung Daik Ming.

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year: Uong Huong Sing, U Sieu Ling.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously: None.

11.—*What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) As Local Preachers: King Yung Kwei, and Ernest R. Jellison; both to be ordained in Central China.

(b) Under Missionary Rule: None.

12.—*What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) As Local Deacons: Ding Hiong Cing.

(b) Under Missionary Rule: None.

13.—*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open conference.

14.—*Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?*

R. L. Mc Nabb to Colorado, W. P. MacVey to Northern Minnesota, R. O. Irish, (in studies of the second year) to Wisconsin.

15.—*Who have Died?*

Sia Sek Ong, U Seuk Hu.

16.—*Who have been Located at their own Request?*

None.

17.—*Who have been Located?*

None.

18.—*Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19.—*Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20.—*Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21.—*What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Ling Heng Tung.

23.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Hu Sing Mi, Sia Heng To, Hu Bo Mi, Pang Ding Hie.

24.—*Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

G. S. Miner, G. B. Smyth, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, W. A. Main, Uong Di Gi, Hu Caik Hang.

25.—*What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

See Tabulated Statement.

26.—*What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

1413.75 (Mexican) or $707. Gold.

27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

$660.00 (Mexican) or $330. Gold.

28.—*What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

$375.00 Gold, which was applied under order of the Conference.

29.—*Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See Appointments.

30.—*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Foochow.

Part Two.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

I. Reports of Presiding Elders.

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REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, P. E.

There has been a slight decrease in numbers this year. This is probably due to the fact that greater care has been exercised in receiving probationers and admitting to baptism and church fellowship; and because the Roman Catholics have led away a good many of our probationers. Their doors are thrown open so wide that all classes find an easy entrance, and we believe they aid rather than hinder us, helping on the sifting process which is very necessary at this time. There are so many seeking foreigner's aid or influence that we can not be too careful in admitting people into the church.

Within the church there has been healthy growth along all lines, while the number of new openings which promise rich harvests prove that the Spirit of God is working among the people and gives hope that the manifold forms of mission work will soon result in great ingatherings. Never has the outlook been so bright with promise nor the toilers so hopeful as now.

A Spirit of mutual helpfulness among the workers in different departments has been very marked. Every person realizes the work is one, and while laboring to make his own a success, is not lacking in prayerful sympathy for others. The missionaries of both societies and most of the native workers have been abundant in labors and the blessing of God has attended our efforts. A number of workers have returned from the home land who will relieve the pressure of over work which has been upon us. Brother Simester, in addition to his work in the College, has passsd his first year's examination in Chinese and preached several times. He will be a great addition to our force.

The Spirit of liberality is growing; especially the conviction that a portion of our substance belongs to God and should be regularly and

systematically paid. In accordance with this about a hundred Chinese have consecrated one tenth of their income to the Lord's work. Some have agreed to give a definite amount monthly for the poor.

A number of laymen, students in the College, workmen in the printing house and others have done a good deal of evangelistic work especially on Sunday afternoons. They visit villages, where there is no regular religious service, or one of our day schools, preach to the people, and if there are any inclined to give up their idols and seek the Lord special care will be given to train them in the way of salvation. This work is the more hopeful since it was spontaneous, growing out of a sincere desire to seek and save the lost without a thought of remuneration.

The educational, medical and evangelistic departments of the W. F. M. S. have never before enjoyed such prosperity and been so helpful to the general work of the church.

The blessing of God has attended the educational work of our own board. A deep spiritual influence has pervaded the College and Theological School. Occasional mass meetings by all the Young Men's Christian Associations of the city have been times of refreshing from on high where discouraged workers and weak Christians have received fresh inspiration. At these meetings the largest churches are packed long before the hour of service and many turned away.

The interest in secret prayer and Bible study which is largely the result of the work of Mr. J. R. Mott and D. Willard Lyon in the meetings over a year ago is still increasing. At the love feasts people often speak of the blessings they receive at the quiet hour and thank God they were led to feel the duty and joy of daily fellowship with the Master.

The Chinese are almost without homes as several families usually live in one house, and hence the difficulty of family prayers; yet we are pushing this work and are able to report progress. Several preachers have been very faithful in pastoral visiting and especially in urging the

people, where they can, to institute family prayers, and the results have proven most gratifying. Night schools for Bible study have been carried on with great success in some places.

The work of the Epworth League has been exceedingly prosperous and helped to quicken the spiritual life of the churches. Miss S. M. Bosworth, the conference secretary and Mr. Hu Sie Guong, district secretary, have been abundant in labors visiting many of the circuits, holding special meetings, and where possible organizing leagues. We have now on the district six Senior and two Junior leagues all in flourishing condition.

Tieng-ang Dong, considering the disadvantages of having no church building, has had a prosperous year. Six months ago the old church was torn down and a new and more commodious structure begun. The work has gone forward rapidly, and on the whole, satisfactorily, so that we are able to hold Conference and the Jubilee in the new building, although it is not finished. The new church will seat about fifteen hundred and will be an honor to our mission, a joy to all who have so heroically given and worked to make it a success. It is a fitting monument to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Methodism in China. Since the old church was torn down the people have worshipped wherever a few could be gathered together. The chapels of the College, Theological School, Hospital and Girls School have furnished room for most of the numbers. It is very difficult to keep up the spiritual life of a church under such considerations, and yet there are abundant evidences that there has been healthy growth. Attendance upon the means of grace, zeal for the salvation of others and a willingness to contribute toward the spread of the Gospel have not been wanting. Formerly the missionaries contributed toward the expenses of this church, but this year the Chinese members said they would undertake it themselves, and so they have supported the pastor and three assistants who work in neglected districts some distance away. Besides, they have contributed liberally toward the new church.

Siu-liang Dong has advanced along all lines, but most in spiritual life. The pastor, though teaching in the Theological School, has been faithful to his people. A Bible class twice a week has been the means of leading many into a richer experience. Several day school teachers have been greatly blessed.

A-hong Ga has been unfortunate, yet there are signs that a better day is coming and is already at hand. Subscriptions for all purposes are about the same as last year.

Cing-sing Dong has made some advance. The pastor has assisted in the womans school which is in the rooms back of the church.

Hok-ing Dong has enjoyed great prosperity. There has been healthy growth along all lines. The church destroyed by fire two years ago has been replaced by a more commodious structure and now the people have a central place to worship.

Bo-ding-haeng, notwithstanding the Catholics have taken away some, has advanced in self-support, members and spiritual life. The pastor, Brother Co Kong Ching, is greatly bereaved in the death of his wife and has our heartiest sympathies.

Ngie-cang has been supplied by a student of the Theological School and has had a good year. There has been an increase in members and a large advance in self-support.

Iek-iong has progressed in self-support and spiritual life. The preacher, though a supply, has been very zealous in pastoral visiting and rejoices in the spiritual growth of the members and increased attendance on the means of grace.

Nguong-die has advanced in self-support and members and has much to encourage us.

Iong-die has steadily gone forward. There has been a large increase in self-support and a general awakening among the people.

Puo-a has had a prosperous year. There has been growth in spirituality, increase in members and a large advance on self-support.

There is much encouragement at Lu-loi. Self-support, notwith-

standing subscriptions to church building, has greatly increased. The new church so much needed is going up and the trouble over the land which at one time seemed serious, has passed away. The patience and fortitude of Mr. Ding E Se, president of the Epworth League, who was hanged by his heels and neck several hours by an angry mob, made us many friends in the village.

Special mention should be made of three excellent buildings which have been finished or nearly so during the year. The fact that most of the money was raised here and not a dollar asked from the societies toward them, speaks well for the liberality of our members and the respect our institutions are gaining among the people. The first is an addition to the Woman's Hospital costing $1600. entirely paid for out of the receipts. Second is a dormitory in connection with the Anglo-Chinese College costing more than $2500. The money was all subscribed by Chinese friends of the institution. Third is our new church which, when completed, together with the land, will cost something over $7000. The larger part of this has been raised here, some has been given by friends at home and part is still unprovided for.

A few items of statistics may not be amiss in this general report.

First. Anglo-Chinese College. It must be borne in mind that the items mentioned under this head are paid by the Missionary Society in other schools of this character, and hence this should really be considered self-support.

Students fees	$2923.
Board of Students	2930.
Books bought by students	210.
Miscelleneous Expenses	400.
Subscription to Y. M. C. A.	104.
Additional subscriptions to Dormitory not reported last year	560.
Total	7127.

Second.	Woman's Hospital Fees		$1200.00
	Benevolent Collections		351.25
	Self-support by Students		150.00
		Total	1701.25
Third.	Regular Collections on the District. Self-support paid by Day School pupils		$1705.60
	Bishops' Support		21.25
	Missionary Society		124.70
	Home Missionary		247.05
	Self-support		740.55
	Church Building and Repairs		3074.70
	Other Benevolences		567.12
	For Local Purposes		209.30
		Total	6690.27
	Making a grand total of		$15518.52

Not only this district but the conference and membership of the whole church render thanks to God for his kindness in opening the way for Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin to visit us at this time. With glad hearts we welcome you to our homes, our churches and the fellowship of the people of God and pray you may prove a great blessing and inspiration to us.

While we are rejoicing over the victories of the cross and giving thanks to God for all his mercies during these fifty years, let us not forget to examine our hearts and see wherein we have failed to let God work in us. If we had relied wholly upon the Holy Spirit of God we would now be rejoicing in much greater results. So while we raise our Ebenezer and gratefully say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," let us turn our faces to the future with living, appropriating faith that the Holy Spirit will work rightly in us and in the hearts of the people.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P. E.

This is the third time I have reported this district. I was appointed in charge of the district last year. I was pleased with my appointment and looked forward to a successful year. During the first year I made special efforts to establish Epworth Leagues. Most unfortunately my eldest son and one daughter, returning from school at Foochow, were drowned by the sinking of the boat as they were crossing the bay on the 20th of the 12th moon. This was a terrible blow, and I was obliged to leave my work in the hands of my brethren, and go in person in search of the bodies of my children. Soon after this we had trouble and persecution at Pang-tang Ka. The official would render no assistance, but on the contrary charged us with attacking the people, our enemies. Those who had been arrested for attacking our chapel, were released and the case has not yet been settled. As the proverb says, "Blessings do not come double and misfortunes do not come singly." Satan has surely greatly disturbed us this year.

I am, however, thankful that the members have grown in grace and knowledge of the truth, so that I have been comforted in the midst of my afflictions. There has been an increase of fifty-nine members. Baptisms, 112 adults and thirty-eight children. The missionary collection has increased one third over last year. The self-support and bishops' allowance have also increased. The Epworth Leagues on each circuit have been a great benefit. They have been instrumental in inducing even old persons to give up the use of tobacco, so that none is now used by our members and the use of wine has also been nearly done away with. Perfect harmony has prevailed among the preachers and official members, and all rejoice together.

Owing to my misfortune, I have not been able to do full duty, but I hope all will pray for me.

Through the favor of Mr. Miner we have had twenty-four special gift schools, with over 500 pupils. The amount of school fund paid by these schools, has been over $600. The girls schools however have not been very successful. This is from the bad customs of the Chinese of esteeming highly the boys but regarding lightly their girls. Fortunately the W. F. M. S. ladies have this year opened a woman's school at Tang-tau, and I hope that ere long the education of the women will not be inferior to that of the men.

This general report is respectfully submitted.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, P. E.

Although of mean attainments and ability, I have had the hearty cooperation of my co-laborers, hence the work has prospered. Immediately after conference I commenced to urge the matter of pastoral support and the subscriptions for a central church at Ngu-cheng. The subscriptions amounted to about $2000.

The Ngu-cheng circuit has eleven classes, or preaching places, with about 1250 attendants. There have been baptized and received into the church 169 persons. There have been a number of difficulties with the heathen neighbors, but the wisdom of the pastor has enabled us to get over them without harm. A committee has been organized for seeking the lost. They go out on Sunday afternoons to find those who have not been to church.

On the Geng-giang circuit there are eight places of worship, with 466 members and two Epworth Leagues. There have been sixty-nine baptisms. Two new churches have been built during the year, viz. at Seng-diong and Go-chio, costing over $600. Of this Mr. Main and the W. F. M. S. ladies subscribed over $100. One member at Seng-diong sub-

scribed $100. and also contributed $30. toward the central church at Ngu-cheng. This circuit has been established thirty years, and has grown like a large tree. The total of their contributions has been $886.65.

There are seven preaching places on the Hok-chiang city circuit. The subscriptions have amounted to $164.

On the Deng-cheng circuit there are thirty-seven persons. We hope for an efficient preacher there next year. Subscriptions $13.20.

Sing-dong circuit, members 400, subscriptions $270.70. The pastor and official members have been harmonious and the work has prospered.

Siek-geng circuit, membership 526, contributions to church repairs $100. and altogether $369.

Deng-aing circuit has three preaching places, with 102 members. This circuit has been greatly disturbed by persecution on account of the money demanded for idolatrous purposes. The members have spent more than $80. in litigation but the case has not yet been settled. The subscriptions have amounted to $62.40.

The Hai-iu circuit has six preaching places with 323 members The contributions have amounted to $200.

The Ha-u circuit has two preaching places with 157 members The subscriptions have been $96.60.

Hai-kau, two preaching places, with 181 members. Subscriptions $173.

Siong Gong-ing, three preaching places, membership 292, subscription $143. There has also been trouble about the idolatrous contributions.

Sang-sang, has ninty-three members, subscriptions $47.50.

Lower Gong-ing. The membership 115. The subscriptions have amounted to $75.50.

Ngu-ka has five preaching places with a membership of 107.

The membership on the district amounts to 3760, an advance

over last year of 244. Total subscriptions $4474.50. Of this $1800 has not yet been collected, and the sum collected $2674.35 has been used. An increase over last year of $1200.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DANG SENG LING, P. E.

On this district there are eleven circuits distributed in four civil Districts, requiring travel of nearly 350 miles, all of which is over mountains and dangerous streams and passes. I have made the circuit four times and by God's mercy I have been kept in good health and strength. I have had the cooperation of Mr. Miner, the missionary in charge.

The Iong-bing city circuit has had some increase. A new station has been opened at Sü-kang with some sixty persons, entirely on self-support. They contributed between $80. and $90.

The pastor of this circuit was taken sick in the third moon and died on the fifteenth of the eighth moon. Fortunately we were able to secure the services of an efficient local preacher to take care of this circuit.

Iong-kau is a newly opened circuit. There are about fifty inquirers. They have subscribed over $40. and $70. in addition for the purchase of church property and need yet over $100.

The Song-chiong circuit has had some prosperity. The fourth-quarterly meeting was a very interesting occasion.

The Sa-giang circuit has not fallen behind last year.

The Ha-nguong circuit has increased its subscriptions on self-support.

Sa-ka-kau has a membership of about 70. The subscriptions have been about $40.

Sing-gio circuit has enjoyed some progress. Nine persons have been received into the church.

The work at Iu-ka has been stationary, only a few persons re-

ceived on probation.

Sek-chek-du circuit has had some prosperity.

Sek-se-du circuit has lost ground owing to the bad conduct of two official members.

The Ciong-hu-buang circuit has a membership of over 80, and has contributed over $20. towards self-support. Fortunately Miss Hartford has had a woman's school here, and has had a woman working as Bible teacher, and the last quarterly meeting was very interesting. A new station has been opened at Tau-kiuh, a mile distant with about a dozen inquirers.

There have been baptized during the year on the whole district 90 persons, and added to the church 55 persons.

The contributions to self support have been $209.90, an increase of over $100. over last year. Two circuits have been taken over to the Hinghua conference leaving 290 members.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

IEK ING GUANG, P. E.

During the past year I have enjoyed good health, and all those working on the district have been harmonious and diligent in their work.

Tiang-tau circuit has five charges, and has had a fairly good year.

Dong-huang, has had a special revival at one village; between thirty and forty persons have become inquirers.

Dio-a, has had prosperity since the trouble with the vegetarians, under the veteran pastor, Ding Siu Kung.

Chong-tau circuit has three preaching places. It has been neither cold nor hot.

Sek-baik-du, has been divided into two circuits.

Sek-chek-du which was taken from Sek-baik-du circuit has pros-

pered.

Seng-leng circuit has done fairly well this year. A boys school has been opened at Kang-ka, where there has been the greatest prosperity.

Duai-giang, has four preaching places, the best of these is Chiu-chio-die.

Ko-tong circuit was taken from the Ku-de circuit. It had gone down, but under the efficient pastor Ling, the work has revived.

Ku-de circuit, has become very weak, as many of the members have moved away, and some local preachers have been appointed to other charges.

Ding-sang circuit has had little change, but Au-liang, a newly opened place, has had considerable success.

Seng-tong, has been divided. It was very large, about twenty-eight miles from one end to the other. Deng-ku has had the greatest interest.

Huang-kang circuit has done quite well. The boys and girls schools have been prosperous. The pastor has been very efficient, and under his exhortations the pastoral support has amounted to over $40.

The opportunities on the Lo-kang circuit have been very good. The pastor and official members have been diligent.

The Hwang-de-iong circuit has its membership in two prefectures, and there is a diversity of language.

Several families had become Christians when some bad characters in one of the villages, became enemies of the Gospel and burned the building in which our services were held. This matter has been placed in the hands of the authorities but has not yet been settled. The entire membership of the district is 808, probationers 345, children 405, adults baptized 102, children 78. Died 16 persons.

Contributions, Bishop's support $8. Missionary money, $54, miscellaneous $16. Presiding Elder's traveling expenses $86.20. Benevolences $8.

MING CHIANG DISTRICT.

CIONG DAIK LIONG, P. E.

Last year I was again appointed to the district. I am always ashamed of my poor abilities when trying to meet the demands of this important office. With the belief that the Lord would help me greatly on my work, I exerted myself to the utmost to preach and manage the church affairs and the results of the work are very satisfactory. I am grateful to our Heavenly Father for the blessings which have attend ed the work.

Last year soon after the conference I began a tour, visiting all the circuits to hold the first quarterly meetings and I was so glad to find thst most of the local preachers and the officials members subscribed liberally themselves, and also urged the members to give toward the support of their pastors in accordance with rules adopted by the conference

Ne-du, Lek-du and Sek-ngo-du have greatly advanced in self-support; they have supported their pastors without a dollar asked from the missionary society.

It is very unfortunate that the members have met with some persecutions by the Roman Catholics who began work in Lek-du over two years ago. The heathen find as easy entrance to this chuach as ants going out to search for food, thinking the Roman Catholics have more influence than the Methodist church. Many of our members have been led away, and others have suffered severe persecution, and two or three were shut up in prison. A good, earnest preacher who was appointed to this circuit was seized and put into prison by the Roman Catholic mob; and beside these the chnrch building was slighly damaged and some things stolen; hence much time has been spent and with little result going to Foochow to see the Consul. I am very glad and pleased to report that the local preachers were so patient, till our Father has put forth his mighty hands to surpress the riters and bring us into the "Love

Feast"

There has heen a healthy growth of family prayers, revival meetings, prayer meetings and Bible study during the year. Besides holding quarterly meetings, performing baptisms and attending marriage ceremonies and funeral I have visited the boys and girls day schools.

Ne-du is divided into eight classes. One class has been greatly troubled by the Roman Catholics and all have gone back to their idol worship.

At Ciong-iong most of the members have been earnest and faith ful. $200 have been subscribed, which, together with $200 from Dr. J. H. Worley, has enabled them to build a commedious church. There has been no increase in members on this circuit, but the subscriptions for different purposes have advanced, amounting to $535, which is several times more than last year.

There are eleven classes at Lek-du, and the members of some of these classes have been persecuted. At Lik-buo all the members have been led away by the Roman Catholics, but the rest of the classes remain the same. Though the membership has decreased the subscriptions have increased. For all purposes $386.20 were raised.

Sek-ek-du has seven classes. It is a vast populous territory. Although our members are few, they have subscribed $92.20 for the Lord's work.

Sek-se-du is very much like a withered tree in spring time which is begining to bud with new leaves. A chapel was built at Hung Huong-die and the opportunity is most excellent. Gieng-meng is a new class where most of the church members are literary men and village elders. They have subscribed $313 for the Lord's work.

Sek-ngo-du is divided into twelve classes. Some of the members have been persecuted by the people who have gone to the Roman Catholic church, and many, though remaining in our church, have been cold and indifferent. They have subscribed $202 toward the church expenses.

II. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

FOOCHOW SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

N. J. Plumb, President.

This School has enjoyed another year of prosperity. There have been in attendance over forty students, who have been diligent in their studies, earnest in their work and faithful to all their appointments. The greater portion of them have been constantly engaged in evangelistic work in the adjacent villages, visiting the homes of the members and probationers, holding services at various places on Sunday afternoons and week day evenings. In this way a great deal of subpastoral work has been done, to the great profit of the families where the services have been held. This work has been specially important during the past few months while our congregation has been broken up, owing to the rebuilding of the Church.

During the summer vacation several of the students, voluntarily made at their own expense an evangelistic tour through the Ku-cheng district. I furnished them with a magic lantern and a man to operate it with some Bible scenes and in this way great numbers were brought together each evening and excellent opportunities were afforded for preaching the Gospel. They received a hearty welcome everywhere and doubtless much good seed was sown. Several of the younger men have supported themselves, hoping at the end of the year to pass the examination for the second year.

At the last conference Bishop Joyce appointed Rev. Hü Chaik Hang as monitor, and his services have proven invaluable. He has shown himself wise as well as kind in all his dealings with the students, and while maintaining excellent discipline, has commanded their respect. He

has given daily instruction in music and has done much to improve the singing. For some months past he has given much of his time and strength to the work of building the new church and the pastor has to a considerable extent supplied his place in the classes. His large experience in building and dealing with men has been of the greatest help to the committee in its large undertaking.

We have had the misfortune to loose from our teaching force the Rev. W. P. MacVey, who on account of the illness of his wife was obliged to leave in June for the United States, and it is not probable that he will be able to return. Bro. MacVey was well qualified to do valuable work as soon as he had acquired the language, and we greatly regret the necessity which called him from our midst. We are still without any library or reading room, and this is very greatly needed. Our present accommodations are too limited to spare a room for this purpose, and it would only require a few hundred dollars to erect a suitable building on the premises. We would then be in a position to preserve the books we already have and make the needed additions from time to time. Another great help to the school would be the establishments of scholarships. The interest on $500. would be sufficient to aid a student paying his board and tuition. A lady in Chicago has signified her intention of founding such a scholarship in memory of her deceased husband and we hope others may soon become interested in this school and do likewise.

Let this institution have your most earnest prayers and aid, that from it may go forth many men called of God to the blessed work of preaching the Gospel to China's perishing millions.

ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

The past year has in many ways been the best the Anglo-Chinese College has had, nevertheless I do not intend to make a long report.

The history and work of the College you are to some extent familiar with, and I shall ask your attention to but a few of the most important facts of the year.

1. The Attendance. There have been 246 students present; a larger number than we have ever had before. At the spring examinations there were 104 candidates of whom only 70 were admitted. As over 80 candidates were refused admission the year before last, there would, with more room and a larger staff of teachers, have been an attendance of about 400.

2. Graduates. Two young men graduated at the close of the year. One of them, Hu Samuel, the youngest son of the Rev. Hu Iong Mi, is now a teacher in a school recently opened by the literati and gentry at Foochow, and the other, Sing Mi Sing, a son of the oldest living Chinese member connected with the A. B. C. F. M. Mission, entered the I. M. Customs service. As he held the certificate of the College he was admitted without examination.

3. Fees. The fees received during the year amounted to $2923. being divided as follows:—Matriculation $648. Tuition $1948. Room Rent $327. In addition the students paid for board about $2930. for books $210. and for miscellaneous items about $400. The Y. M. C. A. contributed for its work, including its share in the expenses of the Delegate of the National Committee to America, $104. For the new dormitory there were subscribed, in addition to the amount reported last year, $560. The total amount thus to be credited to self support on the part of the College is $7127. All the current expenses outside of the salaries of the foreign missionaries were met from these fees. The Missionary Society gave a grant-in-aid of $480. but this sum had to be used for a special purpose.

4. Apparatus. Over five hundred dollars' worth of scientific apparatus and chemicals was purchased during the year, and next year we hope to add more. There is reason to hope that we may have a

small electric plant for the lighting of the school rooms during the evening study hours, and of the proposed new hall. It is possible that it may also be used to light the new church on Sunday evenings.

5. Official visits. On the last day of July, at the closing exercises of the first term the Literary Chancellor, the Provincial Judge, the Salt Intendant, and the Foreign Board Taotai visited the College on the invitation of Chinese friends. After the usual courtesies they visited each of the classes, and afterwards the Chancellor and the Judge addressed the students assembled in the college hall. They spoke of the unusual opportunities for education which the College afforded and urged them to diligence in their studies, emphasizing at the same time the equal importance of a thorough knowledge of their own language. They said too that they had been greatly pleased with what they had seen of the work of the school. The visit of these gentlemen has been taken by the people as an official approval of our work and has greatly increased the respect in which the College is held. I am sure you will be glad to hear this, and to know that this part of the work of the church is so heartily approved by men whose approval is valuable.

6. Christian work. The Y. M. C. A. of the College has done good work during the year. Every Tuesday evening it has conducted a prayer meeting at which the attendance has sometimes been very good. The members, Chinese and foreign, have subscribed $104. for the purposes of the society, Mr. Ding Maing Ing, one of the tutors in English, went to Shanghai a few weeks ago to attend the meeting of the National Committee, of which he is a member. The society has also rented a house at the village of Liang-au, near the College, at which religious services are held every Sunday by the students. You will be glad to know that this is a purely voluntary movement, taken entirely at their own suggestion. You will also be glad to know that one of the older students stays in his room every Sunday afternoon to talk with any who wish to come on the Bible or on the great subject of personal religion. Very few of our students or graduates have entered the ministry. I have

often regretted this, and so have others, but we must wait; the time will come when more will give themselves to direct Christian work, when they will hear the call without which a minister's life is barren indeed. It is not to be wondered at that at present the attractions of large salaries should lead the young men into secular work. I do not blame them for it. We must not be in a hurry and force men to run before they are ready to walk. The forcing process is a failure in religious work as in almost everything else.

FOOCHOW BOYS BOARDING SCHOOL.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRINCIPAL.

This school was opened several years ago but the attendance remains about the same from year to year because there is no room for growth. Twenty-two boys are now present and they are divided into two classes. Besides studying the Bible and various Christian books they also read the Four Books and Five Classics. In these Chinese studies the boys have made much progress. They have been carefully trained in composition through the whole range to the *wen-chang*, or essay. At the close of each term they were examined by a visiting committee and much satisfaction was expressed at the proficiency shown. A few who failed in the examination were kindly urged to study again. Every Sunday afternoon the teachers and scholars met in one of the school rooms for the study of the Bible or the discussion of some religious subject, and every evening the boys took turns in conducting prayer service.

Some of the pupils of the previous year entered the Theological School and others entered the Anglo-Chinese College. I wish to thank most heartily the Monitor, Mr. Ngoi Siong U, and his colleague, Mr. Ding, for the care and zeal with which they have performed their duties.

In conclusion I would say that the school accommodations are so small and so poor that it is not an easy thing to arrange the classes or do satisfactory work. I hope however that before long we shall have a more suitable and more commodious building. I would earnestly request you to take a larger interest in this school, for though it is not large its work is exceedingly important.

HOK-CHIANG BOYS BOARDING SCHOOL.

W. A. MAIN, PRINCIPAL.

The Hok-chiang Boys Boarding School began the year with an attendance of thirty three, a considerable increase over any previous year. The new teacher, Ding Hieu Ang, who was put in charge of the school has entered heartily into his work and has done much to make the school a success. This school meets a very important need in furnishing our young men an opportunity to prepare for admission to the Theological School in Foochow, or for acquiring a good elementary education.

Most of the students are very earnest in their spiritual life and are doing active Christian work in preaching the gospel throughout the neighboring villages.

This school has promise of becoming a valuable aid to our church work and is well deserving of our continued and hearty support.

KU-CHENG BOYS BOARDING SCHOOL.

DING HIONG CHING, MONITOR.

Last year the number of students was forty two; of these four were received into the Theological School and one into the Anglo-Chinese

College. At the opening of the school in the first month twenty two new students were received, and a few of the old ones did not return. The number at present is fifty six; of these seventeen are exhorters. The students represent five civil districts, because the Ku-cheng district is very large including all these districts. At the opening of the school I invited several persons to act with me as an examining committee. When we saw so many applicants for admission, we felt that we could not accommodate, nor teach so many. However we considered that these students had come from so many quarters, and were very much in earnest. The large ones were zealous and the small ones very bright, so we could not bear to turn away any of them, and decided to receive them all, and plan for them. We prayed about this, and some aid was forth coming from a friend in America, so we were able to rent additional quarters in front and back and also to hire an assistant teacher and provide the additional furniture needed.

The Committee wrote a letter to Mr. Plumb, the missionary in charge, in regard to these matters, and afterwards I went myself to Foochow to see him and he was very glad to do all he could to help us. Although we have additional room, we are still very crowded. We have just learned that Mr. Wilcox has secured a gift of $1000. for a new school building. This is truly a great boon for which we are grateful.

There are six classes and the whole is divided into two departments. The students are all obedient and faithfully observe the rules of the school. We have had some sickness occasionally but all have yeilded to the medicines administered, so there has been no serious illness. We have organized a Y. M. C. A. The Scriptures are read regularly every morning, and in the evening the school is divided into two bands for prayers. On Sunday afternoon most of the students meet for their Epworth League meeting. Those who hold exhorter's license go out on Saturday to preach. The students have contributed $15. for church purposes, and the Epworth League $4. more.

I have been in the school six years and feel as though it was my home, and the students are as members of my family. With my associate and colaborer, Ding Hiong Mi, we have realized that our labors have been blest to the good of the school.

Will you not all pray that the school may continue to grow and become more and more successful?

MING-CHIANG BOYS BOARDING SCHOOL.

CIONG DAIK LIONG, PRINCIPAL.

This school was opened last year. At first there were only twenty students, as most of the circuits had day schools, and they continued their studies there. Since then however there have been many applicants, but we have only accommodations for a limited number. The principal teacher, Sia U Ping, had more than he could do so I requested Mr. Worley to employ another teacher and Uong Hiong Giu was taken on as an assistant, and I think the school is now in quite a prosperous condition. The Scriptures have been taught by Ding Dai Liong and myself. The committee which came to examine the school at the close of the school in June, said the students had done well.

Our quarters are very crowded at present. The District Conference has taken up the matter of raising funds for a new building, but I do not know whether this will be a success or not.

There are thirty-six students of whom eight are preachers' sons. Four have been baptized and four received into full membership. Eight are exhorters and on Sunday afternoons go out to preach. The Epworth League Meetings are held Sunday evening. Thursday evening is given to an experience meeting, which has proven a very interesting occasion.

I ask an interest in all your prayers for this school, that God's blessing may attend it and make it abundantly successful.

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6. THE FACULTY. I desire to record sincere appreciation of the cordial support given me by my colleagues. We have worked together in harmony. There are fifteen in the faculty and with such a corps we ought to be able to do good work. The chief monitor, Mr. Lau Sing Hiong, has performed the difficult duties of his position with great ability, and he has been cordially and ably supported by the assistant monitor, Mr. Lau Cu Siong, who is in charge of the new dormitory. To Mr. George P. Welch of Denver, U. S., who spent several weeks at Foochow, the College is much indebted. Once a week he held a Bible reading with the older students, and for some weeks he taught one of the Bible Classes every morning. His daughter, Miss Welch, taught one of the Preparatory Classes every afternoon for three quarters of an hour for one of the teachers who was called away from the class by other duties. I desire here to thank her cordially for her assistance.

7. MISCELLANEOUS. Mr. C. D. Tenney, President of the Imperial Tientsin University, came to Foochow a few days ago and held an examination at the College of those who wished to enter the Railway Engineering School of the University. Of eleven who were examined he chose nine, the number he wanted. He made a very generous offer of admission to the higher scientific courses of the University to graduates with the diploma of this College.

8. SUGGESTIONS. In closing I would like to submit for consideration the following suggestion toward a closer union between our various schools than now exists. There are Boys Boarding Schools in the Foochow, Hokchiang, Kucheng and Mingchiang Districts, but their courses of study are not alike. They have not been arranged on any one system, and the schools therefore have but little connection with one another or with any other school above them. I would suggest

therefore that the courses of study of these schools be rearranged and unified with reference to the requirements of the Anglo-Chinese College. If this is done their graduates could be admitted to the College without examination, and I would ask the Board of Trustees of the College to consider the question of admitting them on specially favorable terms. The advantage to our educational work would, I think, be very great.

Again I would like to see the Foochow Theological School and the College more closely united than they are, and with this object, and for the benefit of the students of the former school, I would suggest that they take two or three of their studies at the College. Even an elementary knowlege of the sciences taught there would help them in their preaching, it would give them a wider outlook into the works of God, and afford them many an interesting and striking illustration.

But I must draw this report to a close. I would ask for your continued interest in the work of education, that so the Anglo-Chinese College may more and more become a center of light and truth in this part of China.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

WORSHIP.

The question of how there can be secured a more complete observance of the Sabbath day by our Christian people has received frequent and careful consideration in previous years. While some advance has doubtless been made, yet it is a matter of regret that much laxity still exists in regard to keeping sacred God's holy day.

Realizing the duty and benefit that attaches to a proper observance of the Sabbath the committee wishes to submit the following:

1. That pastors themselves should keep the day in strict observance, avoiding all unnecessary work or travel.

2. That they shall carefully and explicitly instruct the people as to how they can spend the day in a way pleasing and acceptable to God by: 1st, Attending all the means of grace. 2nd, Reading at home their Bibles and such Christian books as they may have. 3rd, Laying aside all week day occupations.

3. We further advise that all pastors ascertain how many of their members, especially students of the schools, will volunteer to do Christian work. Then let the pastors plan and arrange for Sunday afternoon services in the surrounding villages, appointing as leaders of these meetings those who have signified their willingness to do this work, sending them out in small companies of two, three or four as may seem best.

Let the workers make a weekly report of their work, of which the pastor shall keep a careful record.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee would reiterate certain recommendations made last year:—

1. As regards foot binding we find that it still exists among our people to a limited extent, though principally among those recently received as members and probationers. Some regard the practice as a mark of respectability and are therefore reluctant to give it up.

2. Infant betrothal, strictly speaking, is now seldom practiced among our people, but there prevails to some extent the practice of taking babes from other families to be the future wives of sons.

3. Child marriages are still too common, preachers in a few cases being guilty of this practice or of acting as middle-men in such transactions.

4. Other evil customs exist in a few localities, such as intermarriage with the heathen, taking little girls into the family ostensibly to care for them as adopted daughters, but really to do menial service.

In view of the facts above stated we recommend that the following be reaffirmed by the conference:—

Resolved:—That we condemn these practices as wholly un-Christian. Our members who bind their daughters' feet should be reproved by the pastor, and if the practice is continued the guilty persons should be expelled from the Church.

In our opinion pastors should do everything possible to induce the women to unbind their feet, as is now frequently and advantageously done.

Presiding Elders should use their influence to prevent preachers from marrying wives who are unsuitable as regards their age and education.

The rule which forbids intermarriage with the heathen, and the taking of servant girls, under the guise of adopted daughters, should be re-enacted and strictly enforced.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League is an organization of young people which may be made very beneficial to the Church. At the present time it is doing good in many parts of the world. It has not been as widely organized as we could wish within the bounds of the Foochow Conference and we would like to see it organized on all the circuits in the interests of the young people. For this reason we make the following suggestions, which are in full accord with the Discipline ¶325.

I. That wherever practicable, Epworth Leagues be organized in every circuit.

II. At each quarterly conference the presiding elder should carefully inquire into the condition of the Epworth League on the circuit and see whether it is progressing in accordance with the suggestions we have made.

III. Each Epworth League should subscribe occasionally to meet the expense of printing, etc.

IV. A representative should be appointed on each district, who is not a preacher but a young man throughly interested in the work.

V. There should be a Central Superintendent in Foochow to aid the District Superintendents in their work.

VI. The District Superintendent should communicate with the Central Superintendent at least once a quarter, after having made careful inquiry into the condition of the work, and in case the president of the League does not attend to his duties properly, the pastor should look into the condition of the League.

VII. The Central and District Superintendents should meet at least once a year for consultation.

VIII. The printing of Epworth League supplies should be in charge of the Central Superintendent.

IX. The Central Superintendent should from time to time publish information concerning the success of Epworth League work for

the encouragement of all the workers.

X. We recommend that these suggestions be printed and sent to every League in the conference.

TEMPERANCE.

1. All members and preachers who have not conformed to the resolutions adopted by the Conference last year should be suspended.

2. All local preachers, exhorters and official members should refrain from the use of intoxicants and tobacco.

3. Preachers wishing to enter the Conference must refrain from the use of wines and tobacco for at least one year before applying for admission.

4. All members of the Conference who were admitted previous to the adoption of the above rule should be suspended after one year unless they adhere thereto.

5. The presiding elders should examine into the conduct of the preachers, and if any have violated the temperance rules they should report them at Conference.

6. The preachers should exhort all persons, by both precept and example, to refrain from all wines and tobacco.

7. All day school teachers and teachers of higher schools should obey this rule and teach their pupils that the use of alcoholic liquors, opium and tobacco are injurious to both soul and body.

8. A committee should be appointed consisting of one from each presiding elder's district and one at large, whose duty it it shall be to see that these temperence rules are observed.

9. This report, together with Scripture texts which forbid drinking, smoking &c., should be printed and circulated among the people, and every preacher should preach a temperance sermon to each of his congregations at least once a year.

EDUCATION.

Your committee would respectfully report as follows concerning the various departments of our educational work:

I. The Foochow School of Theology.

During the past year there have been in attendance over forty students, who are reported as having been diligent in their studies. Many of these students have done considerable evangelistic work in adjacent villages and in more remote regions.

The appointment of Rev. Hu Caik Hang as monitor has resulted in much good to the school. In our opinion the vacancy in the teaching force caused by the return of Rev. W. P. MacVey to the United States should be filled as soon as possible.

We also call attention to the importance of establishing a number of perpetual scholarships, the proceeds of which shall aid young men in preparing for the ministry. A library and reading room should also be provided for without delay. We earnestly hope that nothing will be neglected to secure the highest efficency of this institution, which has such a direct bearing on the success of the ministry in this field, now so white unto harvest.

II. The Anglo-Chinese College.

The excellent character of this institution has been maintained during the past year. Under the efficient administration of Rev. Geo. B. Smyth, D. D. and the corps of faithful teachers who have been associated with him, this College has steadily grown in both numbers and influence, until it is now the largest school of the kind in China. The attendance during the past year has been the largest in its history, 246 students having been enrolled, and the attention given to the school by the leading officials of Foochow indicates a widening influence and a growing popularity.

Among the encouraging signs of the time in China is the increas-

ing attention which is being given to higher education by the official classes throughout the empire, of whom some who are in a position to judge have expressed the opinion that the best institutions of learnin g in the country are the Colleges which have been established by Christian Missions. A practical proof of their sympathy is seen in the favorable attitude of the higher officials of Foochow to our College, and their liberal contributions towards the building of the new dormitory. Severa of these officials visited the college at the close of the spring term and expressed themselves highly pleased with the opportunities there afforded for securing a Western Education.

The committee congratulate Dr. Smyth on his success in securing from Chinese sources the funds for the erection of the new dormictory at a cost of $2570. This is a well constructed building and provides much needed accomodation for about seventy students. Outside of the salaries of the missionary teachers the school is quite self-supporting. During the past year the students have paid more than $6500 of the expenses, besides subscriptions to the Dormitory fund and over $100. in Y. M. C. A. subscriptions.

We commend to the liberality of the church in America this institution of learning. A chapel and Science Hall are absolutely necessary for its highest efficiency and a man thoroughly trained in the sciences must be added to the faculty as soon as possible. The Fuhkien Province is rich in mineral resources and already the officials are looking to the College for scientific information, and with a proper equipment there are large opportunities before it.

The spiritual welfare of the students is not being neglected. The study of the Bible is regulary pursued and attendance at the Sunday services and chapel exercies daily is required of all. Since the special meeting conducted by Messrs Mott and Lyon last year increased zeal and activity have been manifest.

The meetings of the Y. M. C. A. are well attended and beside the religious work among the students special efforts are made to reach the

unconverted in neighboring villages. Some time ago services were begun in Liang-au village, in a private house. It was not long before the room was too small and now the students have rented a larger place, organized a class called Geu Ling Dong (Soul Saving Church) and now conduct regular morning services and Sunday School. Others of the students are assisting Mr. Miner in the evangelistic work among his day schools and in the ragged Sunday Schools.

III. Boys' Boarding Schools.

The four Boarding Schools for boys within this Conference have the following number of pupils: Foochow 22, Ku-cheng 56, Hok-chiang 33, Ming-chiang 36, Total 147.

The teachers in these schools are reported as having all faithfully discharged their duties in preparing students to enter the Theological School or the Anglo-Chinese College or to do more effective Christian work in their native localities.

In our opinion the course of study in these Boarding Schools should be such as to fit students to enter the regular classes of the Theological School, in which case the preparatory department of this institution ought to be discontinued.

We rejoice that a delegate to the last General Conference has secured subscriptions for $1000 gold with which to erect a High School building at Ku-cheng. Our hearty thanks are due to these generous contributors and we hope that before very long each of the other districts may in the same manner secure suitable buildings for their Boys' Boarding Schools.

IV. Boys' Day Schools.

In our opinion the excellent rules adopted several years ago for the managment of these schools should be followed as far as practical.

It gives us much satisfaction to know that so many Christians in America are contributing money to support schools among the millions

in this province. We are glad also to know that Rev. G. S. Miner, according to his own desire, is about to be relieved from work in the Anglo-Chinese College in order to give more time to superintending the numerous schools supported by special contributions. We hope that much good will result from this form of missionary effort as well as from the regular Day Schools and all the other schools noticed in this report.

We recommend that the presiding elder, one native preacher and the missionary-in-charge (or the superintendent of boys day schools) be appointed a committee on each district to examine the day school teachers. The native preacher on each district is to be selected by the Presiding Elder and the missionary.

FINANCE.

In view of the fact that the Creator has so bountifully bestowed upon us all good things, is it not strange that we should be so unwilling to give some of it back to him? It may be asked by some, "How can very poor people do anything to assist God in his great work of saving the world?" But such persons should remember that it is possible for all to do something, because the universal spread of the Gospel, depends not only on God's Holy Spirit, but also upon the contribution of God's people, and all, whether rich or poor, can give something from what God has given us and it is both our duty and privilege to do all in our power to fulfill His commands. There should be a united purpose on the part of all to take up this matter in earnest, and the leaders should contribute liberally and thus set a good example to the members. We are glad to notice that in various places the people have taken up this matter in earnest and considerable progress has been made. This has been due largely to the efforts of the missionaries, presiding elders, pastors and official members.

We make the following recommendations:

1. The preachers and official members should do their utmost to enlighten their members on the duty of giving as taught in the Bible as the basis for liberality.

2. The preachers should urge upon their people not to look so much to the foreign missionary society for help.

They should make it clear that it is the duty and privilege of every one to give something and as Paul says in 1 Cor. 9.11. "If we have sown unto spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things"?

The principle of tithing is clearly set forth in God's word. We see it as far back as in the time of Abraham, see Gen. 14.19, and also in Proverbs 9, 24-25, we find these words, "There is that giveth liberally which maketh rich," etc. Also see Malachi 3, 10, where we are exhorted to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, etc. The doctrine of systematic giving is most clearly taught in the New Testament and ought to be understood by all of God's people.

3. The missionary and presiding elder should everywhere inquire into the condition and circumstances of the people, the number of members on each charge, the amounts contributed, that it may be known whether they are measuring up to their duty or not, and that suitable measures may be taken to secure the desired result.

4. At the beginning of the year each pastor should preach a sermon on the subject of systematic giving, and then call upon all the official members to make a liberal offering to the Lord, and ask all the members to give according to their ability.

5. The pastors should see that as far as possible all the regular collections of the Church are taken during the year.

6. Very special attention should be given to the missionary collection and a sermon should be preached by each pastor when that is taken. We fear this rule of our church is not always attended to.

BOOKS.

Your Committee having diligently considered this subject beg leave to submit the following report.

We heartily approve of the previous reports and actions of the Conference on this subject and recommend the following points in regard to the purchase and publication of books.

1. We need a supply of books on Physiology, Prophecy fulfilled in Christ, Astronomy, Political Economy which have to be purchased at Shanghai.

2. We recommend the publication at our Press of the following, viz:—

Catechism with Illustrations, Baker on the Discipline, Genesis. Also, Homiletics Rules for a Pastor which we understand and have been translated in Hinghua.

3. In accordance with the suggestion of the Central Conference we recommend that the name of our church paper be changed from Ming Seng Huoi Bo, to Hua Mi Huoi Bo. This will indicate the mutual interest of the Chinese and foreigners in the paper.

4. Some years ago Wesley's Sermons were translated, and they should be published here. We have learned of a book called "The Spirit Filled Life" which should be translated and printed without delay. There is great need of such a book.

5. There is a great dearth of old Testament Commentaries and we urge any who can to translate such as have not yet been prepared.

Last year a committee was appointed to collect from the conference actions of the last five years, such as are important, to be issued as a book of conference deliverances. We urge that this committee go on with the work so as to have them printed in a small book and printed before next conference.

IV MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SUPERINTENDENT.

The work of the Epworth league this year has been very encouraging. Until last conference no organized effort had been made in this direction, hence there has not been the progress this year that one might desire. Bishop Joyce's prophecy of last year, "One hundred leagues before next conference," has not been fulfilled, but we believe that the work is on a surer foundation, and that the outlook for the coming year is full of promise.

When the various district secretaries began their work after conference, they found that many of the so-called leagues were only Sunday evening prayer meetings, using the Epworth league topics. The work of the district secretaries this year has mainly been to find out the real condition of their districts, and wherever practicable to organize leagues on a proper basis. Owing to the difficulty of sending letters in country districts, and to the inability of the district secretaries to personally visit all the chapters, it has not been possible to find out what is being done in all the places, but we feel that the statistics and facts given below are reliable.

Total number Senior Chapters,.....40 Junior Chapters,.....3
" " " Members,.....1900 Members,.....112

Foochow District.

7 Senior Chapters, 378 members.
3 Junior Chapters, 112 members.

Six of the Senior and one Junior have been organized this year, and all are doing good work. The district secretary has visited each chapter once, and some twice, except one, organized but a few weeks ago. The chapter at Tieng Ang Dong raised nearly two hundred dollars, with which to buy books for distribution at the triennial examination. About

3000 packages, containing three books each, were given away. Not all the money was used in this way, and the balance will be used in keeping a supply of books for the use of passengers on the launches running between Foochow and Cui-kau. This work is in charge of the Mercy and Help Department of which Miss Bonafield is chairman.

The chapter at Iek-iong is called the Sia Sek Ong chapter, as Iek-iong is the birthplace and early home of the beloved Sia Sek Ong.

A district meeting was held in May at Tieng Ang Dong, which was of great benefit to the work. All the league presidents were present, as well as the other delegates. It is hoped that such a meeting can be planned on each of the districts during the coming year.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT: CHAPTERS 16, MEMBERS 980.

The numbers on this district are the largest of any in the conference, and the work is very encouraging. The district secretary being a layman and in business, has not been able to visit many of the places, but he has attended to the details of receiving reports and sending them to the central superintendent, and forwarding the supplies, and has been of great help in the work. The chapter in the Girl's School is called Baldwin chapter and is doing excellent work. The members have raised $20 toward the pastor's salary, and $10 to use in work among the poor. Their literary meetings and prayer meetings are full of interest.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT: CHAPTERS 2, MEMBERS 80.

One league is at the chapel in Lek-du, the other is in the Lek-du Woman's School. The district secretary says, "Being organized as a League has greatly helped to develop the Christian activities of the members". They have also been liberal in subscribing money, $1.80 having been raised for supplies and other purposes. Some who did not have money to give sold rice and brought the proceeds for the collection, while one woman put an egg on the plate instead of money. The lady missionary bought the egg and added that to the collection. It is hoped that leagues can be organized in all the circuits of this district during the coming year.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT: CHAPTERS 6, MEMBERS 203.

The work is prosperous and of great help to the church. Monthly meetings are held, in addition to the regular prayer meetings, wherever possible. $2.50 has been raised for Epworth league supplies and $8.20 for other purposes. In some places where no league has been organized there is held a prayer-meeting using the Epworth league topics.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT: CHAPTERS 4, MEMBERS 140.

The work is very encouraging. At Ngu-cheng $10. has been raised for the new church. Several literary meetings have been held which were both interesting and profitable. At Seng-diong the boy's day-school teacher is secretary of the league. At the literary meetings he gives lectures on Physiology and kindred subjects, gathered from his own reading.

IONG-BING DISTRICT: CHAPTERS 5, MEMBERS 121.

The places are so far apart that it has been impossible for the district secretary to visit each League but the work is reported as prosperous. He has visited the nearest places several times. The Iong-kau chapter is a very good one. The women in the school at Ciong-hu-buang are a great help to the league in that place.

As central superintendent, I have sent out during the year, 7000 prayer-meeting-topics, 1000 constitutions and fifty letters, and have made five visits to other places. These visits have been a great pleasure to me and I am sorry that on account of other duties I have not had time to do more of this work.

In closing I want to thank the district secretaries for their faithful efforts to advance this work. I want also to ask each pastor as far as possible to organize during the coming year in his circuit, and especially I ask the co-operation of the presiding elders, that as they make the rounds of their districts they will carefully examine and help the work, and also consult as frequently as possible with the district secretaries, and so by hearty co-operation all along the line, we will be able to make the Epworth league a power for good in our Chinese Church.

TREASURER SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

In presenting my annual report of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society I wish to thank the brethren for the confidence reposed in me.

In consequence of the division of the conference last year a division of the funds was necessary. This matter was referred to the Board of Stewards and the Board of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society and by them it was referred to a sub-committee consisting of the treasurers, Hu Caik Hang and W. N. Brewster. It was not until February that a meeting could be held when Brother Brewster came to Foochow. The division of the funds was then made on the basis adopted, viz., the proportion of members in the Hing-hua and Foochow conferences.

A careful consideration was made of the available funds in cash and loans, as well as the property owned, and the amounts already paid to Hing-hua claimants and as a result of the decision of the committees I paid over to Brother Brewster for the Hing-hua conference $1023.90, and loan No 27 for $200.

This draft on the treasury made it necessary to lift some of the loans in the H. and S. Bank to meet the current claims, but even with this reduction the net assets of the Society are $4392.24, only about $560. less than before the division was made. This does not include this year's Book Concern Dividend.

The interest on some of the smaller loans has not been paid in. It is important that parties holding these small loans should pay the interest promptly to the treasurer. I would advise that they be taken up as soon as possible and that no more be made.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. Plumb,

Treasurer.

Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society

IN ACCOUNT WITH N. J. PLUMB, TREASURER.

1896-1897. **Dr.**		
Balance due Treasurer.	$77.16	
To paid one Insurance claim.	14.50	
„ „ Conference Claimants,	456.00	
„ „ W. N. Brewster, Hing-hua share.	1023.90	
„ „ balance in hands of Treasurer.	14.48	
1896-1897. **Cr.**		
By Book Concern Dividend $496 gold.		944.76
„ Rent Da Ding property shop 28.50		
„ „ „ „ „ house 6.80		35.30
„ Interest on loan No. 25 for 3 mos.		6.00
„ Loan returned from Bank. 200.00		
„ Interest on same $800. 32.00		232.00
„ Loan No. 26. cancelled 200.00		
„ Interest on the above. 8.00		208.00
„ Interest on Cemetery C. D. 1896		6.20
„ Rent Da Ding property shop. 11.90		
„ Interest on loan per Hu Bo Mi. 12.00		23.90
„ Rent Da Ding shop.		9.43
„ Hu Sing Mi claim not drawn in 1896.		48.00
„ Interest on Cemetery loan.		6.45
„ Interest on loans in H. & S. Bank.		
No 24 $500 at 4 per cent. 20.00		
„ 28 $700 „ „ „ 28.00		
„ 18 $300 „ „ „ 12.00		60.00
By sale of two graves in Cemetery.		6.00
	$1586.04	$1586.04

Assets of the S. P. A. S.

Loans to Individuals:		
No. 7. to Uong Giu Mi	$50.	
„ 8. „ Hu Sing Mi	200.	
„ 12. „ Hu Sing Mi	350.	
„ 14. „ Iek Ing Guang	50.	
„ 19. „ Uong Giu Mi	30.	
„ 25. „ Hu Bo Mi	200.	$880.00
Loans to H. & S. Bank		
No. 18.	312.	
„ 22.	600.	
„ 24.	520.	
„ 28.	728.	2160.00
Da Ding Property	1000.	
Native Land & Cemetery	170.	
Deposit Receipt „	167.76	1337.76
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		14.48
Total assets,		$4,392.24

Audited and found correct, N. J. PLUMB,
Treasurer

MISSION PRESS.

N. J. PLUMB, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Foochow Mission Press has had another prosperous year. The Statistics given below will show approximately the results of the year's work. About 30 men have been employed in the building, while the folding of the bindery department has been done by many women in their homes. Recently, as occasionally happens, there has been quite a decrease in the amount of work in hand. This has been owing in part to the lack of funds of the American Bible Society upon whose patronage the Press so largely depends.

The North Fuhkien and M. E. Tract Societies have liberally supplied the funds for all the work there has been for them to do. The M. E. S. S. Union has also met the needs of our work in supplying Sunday School literature for the churches, all of which has been of valuable service.

Among the more important books printed may be mentioned the following; viz., 8000 Colloquial New Testaments, 5000 of which were for the American Bible Society and 3000 for the British and Foreign Bible Society; also for the American Bible Society, 4500 Classical New Testaments, 3000 Colloquial Psalms and 2900 Classical Bibles.

Large editions of Hymn Book and Prayer Book have been printed for the Church Missionary Society, and also an edition of the Kienning Dictionary.

A carefully prepared edition of the Life of Hu Iong Mi has been printed in the Classical language, and has proven a valuable addition to our Christian literature.

A new and revised edition of the Baldwin and Maclay Alphabetic Dictionary is now almost completed. So urgent has been the demand for this work, that many copies of the body of the book have been taken for use until the Index can be completed. A delay in the preparation

of the latter has prevented the completion of the Dictionary before this time.

The Fuhkien Church Advocate, of which 2100 copies go out every month is the Christian newspaper for this province and many other parts of China as well. Containing as it does a digest of both church and secular news it meets a felt want wherever it goes.

The Child's Paper still continues to fill a valuable place in our church work. It is issued monthly and has a circulation of 550 copies. It is specially adapted to the needs of women and children, but it is widely read by our native pastors, who appreciate the simplicity and aptness of the figures and illustrations it contains, which appeal so strongly to the ordinary mind. Its circulation is limited because it is in the colloquial, but it ought to reach the homes of many more than it does.

Nearly $900. worth of material has been added to our plant during the year. This includes large additions to our font of Japanese-made type, and also a Stereotyping apparatus purchased in Japan to replace our old one which is worn and useless.

A new font of music type has also been ordered and will soon be here. We have constantly increasing need for music type and this will prove a valuable addition to the small font we already have.

The next need of the Press is an Electrotyping apparatus. The profits during the past year have been very satisfactory, and we now have funds for the further increase of facilities.

The work done for our Methodist Societies may be summarized as follows:—

Methodist Episcopal Tract Society.

	Volumes.		*Pages.*
Books, etc.....	31,600	containing	2,331,100
Sheets.....			20,780
Total	31,600	,,	2,351,880

Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Books,etc.	28,100	*Volumes* containing	984,400	*Pages.*
Sheets.....		„	89,100	„
Total	28,100	„ „	1,073,500	„

The work completed during the year may be summarized as follows:—

	Volumes.		*Pages.*
Scriptures:.....	25,400	containing	8,756,400
Tracts: Books,.....	101,700	„	5,345,100
Sheets,.....	.....	„	2,300,870
S. S. Literature: Books,..	35,920	„	4,399,600
Sheets,..	.....	„	125,380
Miscellaneous: Books,...	11,450	„	633,500
Sheets,..	.....	„	112,644
Anglo-Chinese Dictionary	320	„	243,200
Total	174,790	„	21,916,694

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Districts.	*Missionary Society.*	*Bishop's Support.*	*Total.*
Foochow	$124.70	$21.25	$145.95
Hai-tang	38.30	5.90	44.20
Hok-chiang ...	63.60	10.85	74.45
Iong-bing	30.55	4.40	34.95
Ku-cheng	55.00	8.15	63.15
Ming-chiang ...	24.00	7.50	31.50
Totals.....	336.15	58.05	394.20

W. H. Lacy,
Treasurer.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Appropriations for 1898.

Mrs. Hu Iong Mi – –	$2.50	per month	$30.00
„ Dang Ging Dong	2.50	„	30.00
„ Ding Neng Chiek	3.00	„	36.00
„ Uong Ding Hok	4.00	„	48.00
„ Daing Guang Ing	2.50	„	30.00
„ Sie Huo Mi – –	2.50	„	30.00
„ Daing Gieng Ing	4.00	„	48.00
Rev. Hu Sing Mi – –	4.00	„	48.00
„ Sia Heng To – –	6.00	„	72.00
Mrs. Sia Sek Ong – –	4.00	„	48.00
Rev. Hu Bo Mi – –	2.00	„	24.00
„ Pang Ding Hie --	4.50	„	54.00
„ Ling Heng Tung	4.50	„	54.00
Mrs. U Seuk Hu – --	5.00	„	60.00
Li Iu Mi's sons -- –	4.00	„	48.00
	$55.00		$660.00

N. J. PLUMB,
Chairman.

VII. RESOLUTIONS.

Concerning Foot-Binding.

As foot-binding is a sin, crippling and marring the work of God and disabling our girls and women for good work, and in view of the fact that even the high officials not Christians, in various parts of the country are taking action against it,

Therefore, We the Woman's Conference of Foochow believe that the time has come for positive action on the part of the church.

Therefore, We would respectfully ask the Annual Conference to forbid:

First, The binding of the feet of any Christian's child.

Second, The betrothal of sons to bound-footed girls.

Third, That all Christians when it is possible shall unbind their feet and that all children of Christians whose feet are bound shall have them unbound.

Julia Bonafield,
Chairman of Committee.

Also signed by 200 women.

Concerning Infant Betrothals.

Whereas, the marriage relation is the most sacred of all entered into by men and women and involves the most sacred interests of home and country, we, the Woman's Conference of Foochow, beg to urge upon the Annual Conference the great importance of taking action against certain customs of betrothal which are strictly followed by some Christians to the great detriment of the home and church.

First, We earnestly ask that early betrothals be prohibited in the church.

Second, That as the Christian marriage ceremony requires the parties to promise to love each other, and as love cannot come at command, and true Christian homes can only be founded on real affection:

Therefore, we ask that betrothals without consultation with and consent of the parties most concerned be also forbidden in the church.

Third, That no money shall be given for the bride.

Julia W. Plumb,
Chairman of Committee.

Rev. R. S. Maclay, D. D.

The Foochow Annual Conference, assembled in its 21st annual session, Nov. 16. 1897, on the completion of fifty years of the history of the Mission, sends most cordial salutations to our beloved brother, Rev. R. S. Maclay, D. D. We gratefully remember that in his young manhood he came to this field, in 1848, and gave twenty-four years of unremitting and diligent service to the work. We recall that he was at one time left alone with his family, without a fellow missionary, for several years; and that he gladly held his post until reinforcements arrived. When transferred to Japan, we remember that he still continued his hearty interest in this field, and has always sent his loving greetings to us. We pray that his life may be spared until our numbers, which have now reached over 21,000 in China, may be far beyond 100,000; and we assure him that his name and his work will always be held in most grateful remembrance among us.

Rev. Moses C. White, M. D.

The Foochow Annual Conference, assembled in its 21st annual session, Nov. 16th. 1897, on the completion of fifty years of the Mission, takes this opportunity to send most cordial greetings to our beloved brother, Rev. Moses C. White, M. D., and to express our gratitude that in the good providence of God he is still living to witness the great triumphs of the gospel in the field where he labored amid many discouragements and without any converts to rejoice over. Now we gladly record that over 13,000 members and probationers are connected with this Conference and the Hing-hua Mission Conference; and together with the other conferences and Missions in China there are over 21,000. We pray that yet many years may be given to our beloved brother in which he may witness much more wonderful progress of the gospel in this great empire; and assure him that his name will always be held in most grateful remembrance among us.

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, D. D.

Resolved--That we are truly grateful to Almighty God for the Providence that has permitted Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin to visit us after seventeen years of absence.

We are glad of their twenty years labor in our Conference, and for the interest they have taken in our work and in all missionary work. Their visit has greatly cheered us and we pray God's blessing to rest upon them as they continue their visits to the other Conferences in China, Corea, and Japan, and as they return to their work in the home land. We hope it may be the pleasure of the church to send them to us again.

Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D.

RESOLVED, That we are sincerely grateful to Almighty God for the Providence which has brought Bishop Joyce a second time to preside at our Conference.

RESOLVED, That we have greatly enjoyed his presence with us both as a presiding officer and as a friend. We have especially enjoyed his sermons and addresses and feel that the Holy Ghost has accompanied the truths he has delivered to us.

RESOLVED, That we are thankful for the plan which gives us the same Presiding Officer two years in succesion; we believe this plan has been of benefit to the work in China, and hope the time may be extended to four years.

RESOLVED, That we pray the blessing of God to rest upon Bishop and Mrs. Joyce as they return from us to the home land.

Tieng Ang Dong.

RESOLVED:—That we extend a vote of thanks to the presiding elder of the Foochow District, the pastor of Tieng Ang Dong and Hu Caik Hang for the hard work which has made it possible to hold the Conference in this new church.

Entertainment.

RESOLVED:—That we desire to express the highest appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the Foochow missionaries, the local church, and the committee on entertainment, and to record our sincerest thanks for the royal manner in which we have been entertained.

Memoirs.

Rev. Sia Sek Ong, D. D.

Sia Sek Ong was born in 1839 at the little village of Iek-iong, about twelve miles distant from Foochow. At a very early age he was sent to school where he proved to be a quick and ready scholar, and devoted himself to a thorough mastery of the Confucian Classics. When he was only fifteen he entered the civil examination for the First or Siu Tsai Degree, but failed. Another trial in the following year might have been successful but while the examination was in progress his mother died and he was compelled by law to retire.

He was then obliged by the circumstances of the family to give up his studies and work on his father's farm. Health however not being equal to the hard work of a farmer's life he organized with the assistance of a friend, a little school in his native village and became its teacher. From there he went as a teacher to a neighboring village where, at the age of eighteen, he heard of Christianity for the first time. Though not then convinced of the truth of the new religion he was profoundly impressed by some of its teachings. Some time afterward he met a preacher at the house of a friend, and asked him why he had become a Christian. The preacher's reply appealed to his reason and brought him very near to accepting Christianity. Another minister whom he met talked with him earnestly about salvation, and though he did not understand well what was said, he was so moved by the good man's appearance and manner and by the example which he gave of the character of a true Christian, the very likeness of Christ himself, that he was convinced that such a life was worth living. At length after much thought he came to see what Christianity really was and he adopted it with all his soul. His first work thereafter was to preach the glad tidings to his

own family, to his old friends, and to all who visited his school.

Not long after this he gave up his little school and became personal teacher of Chinese to the Rev. N. Sites. While with this earnest missionary he did a great deal of literary work, translating hymns, and writing tracts, one of which, "Who is Jesus," has had a large circulation, and has done much good.

Soon afterward Dr. Sia entered the ministry, and in 1868 he, with six others, was ordained by Bishop Kingsley. He soon showed the spirit that was in him, and rapidly took a leading place among his brethren. He was given the most important posts in the power of the Bishop, and in every position he held, whether as pastor or presiding elder, he proved himself equal to every demand. He was at different times presiding elder of the Iong-bing, Hing-hua and Hok-chiang Districts. His administration of the Hing-hua District was made memorable by the decided stand he took on behalf of self-support, himself renouncing all financial aid from the Missionary Society, and urging his brethren to throw themselves as soon as possible on the Christian giving of their own churches.

In the fall of 1887 the Foochow Conference sent him as its delegate to the General Conference, which met in New York in 1888. Both in that great assembly and in the churches which he visited he made a fine impression, and drew the attention of many to the missionary work of our church in China.

After his return his Christian activities took a wider range than formerly and through his writing, especially in the Review of the Times and the Fuhkien Christian Advocate, he addressed the Churches in other parts of the Empire, and what he said was listened to and pondered by many who made no profession of Christianity. His sermons and addresses, and they were many, for men heard him gladly, showed strikingly the effects of experience and travel. The wide survey he had been able to make of a Christian civilization, what he had seen of the effects of Christianity permeating the life of a nation, opened to him a

new world, and his teaching was illuminated by the beauty and splendor of the grand ideal which possessed him for his own country.

Soon after his return, his health not being equal to the fatigue of travel he was appointed to the Theological School at Foochow and there he did some of the best work of his life. Both as a preacher and a man he was an inspiration to his students. He taught them how to teach, but better than that he made them feel that however excellent their work might be in some respects it was useless unless it resulted in new lives. He held this before them constantly as their great work as Christian ministers. New characters, lives devoted to the service of Christ, hearts filled with the presence of the Spirit, these were the results to the accomplishment of which they were to lend all their energies. Men who could bring to pass such effects as these were his ideal Christian ministers.

About a year before his death his health so failed that he was compelled to give up all active work, but his house was a place of pilgrimage to his Chinese brethren. Whenever they came up from the country they went to see him. They went to him too with their difficulties, they sought his advice, they believed in his integrity and wisdom. When he died mourning was universal, for it was felt that one of the greatest leaders of the church of Christ in China had fallen.

It would not be right to close this brief sketch without a reference to his relations to his foreign brethren. Though some years ago there had been some friction with one or two of them, it had all long passed away and while respecting his American colleagues he was equally respected by them. They mourned his loss as keenly as his Chinese brethren for they as thoroughly understood his worth, they knew how great had been his services to the church, they felt that a wise and trusted minister of Christ had departed. But though dead he yet speaketh, and long will the memory of his character and work continue to inspire the Churches in China.

Rev. U Seuk Hu.

Rev. U Seuk Hu was born at a village east of Ku-cheng city called Seng-iong. He was a straight man. He studied the books and songs of Confucius and Mencius in his early years. He carelessly fell into a bad habit of smoking opium and entered the wrong way. Owing to the preaching of Rev. Ling Seu Ing about redemption and salvation, he was converted as awaking from his dream, and he repented of his former acts and believed the truth. He soon determined to be a Christian.

After he was baptized he was admitted to the church as a member. He grew steadily in knowledge and grace. Then he was chosen to be a teacher of a Christian day school and at the same time he was licensed as an exhorter. Three years after he received a first degree, but he had no idea of getting a higher degree, for he wanted to be the Lord's worker, for he knew that the glory which is in heaven is far better than that of the world. Afterwards he was chosen a teacher of the Foochow Theological School, and he had a great desire to educate the young minds. Afterwards he was located at Lek-du in Ming-chiang district for four years. He preached diligently and met a great many persecutions but he bore them with patience. Before his next appointment he was ordained a deacon.

His next appointment which was his last, was at Iong-bing city. He climbed up mountains and hills in preaching the gospel of Christ. Owing to the weather he had hemorrhages for a few months, then he recovered. Last spring he had a return of the same trouble and could not be cured. Last summer he returned home and on the 20th of Oct. 1897 he died. His age was thirty-two. This is a brief account of the life of Rev. U Seuk Hu.

For his good conduct we revere him and write these few lines to his memory.

19th of Nov. 1897. Ding Siu Kung.

Part Three.

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I. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. WORLEY, P. E.

Post Office, Foochow.

Foochow: A-hong Ga:—Uong Hong Siong.
" " Bo-ding Haeng:—Co Kong Ching.
" " Ching-Sing Dong:—Ling Seu Uong.
" " Hok-Ing Dong:—Sie Sing Cang.
" " Sieu-Liang Dong:—Ding Daing Dieu.
" " Tieng-Ang Dong:—Uong Di Gi.
Gang-cia:—Li Ko Dung.
Iek-iong:—To be supplied.
Iong-die:—Ling Dieu Gek.
Lu-loi:—To be supplied.
Ngie-cang:—To be supplied.
Ngu-kang:— " " "
Nguong-die:—Uong Huong Sing.
Puo-a:—To be supplied.

N. J. Plumb, President of the Theological School.

Hu Chaik Hang, Professor in Theological School.

Both members of Tieng Ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. B. Smyth, President of Anglo-Chinese College, Principal of Boys' Boarding School, and Editor of Chinese Christian Advocate; member of Tieng Ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

W. H. Lacy, Superintendent of the Mission Press, Treasurer, and Business Agent of the Mission; member of Cing Sing Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. S. Miner, Superintendent of Day Schools supported by special gifts; member of Sieu Liang Dong Quarterly Conference.

James Simester, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College; member of Tieng Ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

Sia Tieng Ang, left without appointment to attend school.

Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, Mrs. Alice H. Smyth, and Mrs. Emma N. Lacy, Teachers in Anglo-Chinese College.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, P. E. M. C. WILCOX, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Bang-tang-giang:—Ceng Ung Uong.
Dai-bang:—Li Gi Chiong.
Dai-ho:—To be supplied.
Dai-lieng:—To be supplied.
Deu-chiong:—To be supplied.
Ngiu-seu and Bah-sua:—U Sieu E, two to be supplied.
Sang-le:—Two to be supplied.
Tang-tau:—Ngoi Gi Lang, one to be supplied.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P. E. M. C. WILCOX, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

A-gong-ing:—To be supplied.
Buang-tau:—To be supplied.
Deng-aing:—U Sieu Ling.
Deng-cheng:—To be supplied.
Deng-diong:— „ „ „
Geng-giang:—Ding Hieng Ngieu.
Hai-iu:—Huong Daik Chiong.
Hai-kau:—Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Do Nguong.
Ha-u:—To be supplied.
Hok-chiang City:—Three to be supplied.
Liang-tau:—Ho Dieu Ieu.
Nang-iong:—Iong Hie Ung.
Ngu-cheng:—Ciong Hok Cu, and Siek Gi Ciong.
Ngu-ka:—Ung Uong Cui, one to be supplied.
Sang-sang:—To be supplied.
Siek-geng:—Ung Seng Chuang.
Sing-dong:—Ling Mi Ing, one to be supplied.
Siong-gong-ing:—Uong Hung Ung.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

IEK ING GUANG, P. E. W. A. MAIN, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chong-tau:—Tiang Nguk Chiu.

Ding-sang:—Ling Ui Sieng, one to be supplied.

Dio-a:—Ding Siu Kung.

Dong-huang:—Ling Seu Ing.

Duai-giang:—Ding Bo Cing.

Go-iong:—Ling Dieu Daik, one to be supplied.

Huang-di-iong:—To be supplied.

Huang-kang:— ,, ,, ,,

Ku-cheng-City:—Tiang Nguk Ceu, Two to be supplied.

Ku-de:—Ding Dai Liong.

Liang-tau:—Two to be supplied.

Loi-hung:—Ding Bek Dak.

Sek-baik-du:—Diong Ming Dung.

Sek-chek-du:—Tiang Siong Hui.

Seng-iong and Dio-siong:—Three to be supplied.

Seng-leng and Lang-ka:—To be supplied.

J. E. SKINNER, M. D. in charge of the Hospital and Medical work in Ku-cheng.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DANG SENG LING, P. E. W. A. MAIN, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Ciong-hu-buang:—Ding Giu U.

Hu-Nguong:—To be supplied.

Iong-bing City:—Cung Daik Ming.

Iu-ka:—Diong Seuk Buo.

Sa-gaing:—To be supplied.

Sek-chek-du:—To be supplied.

Sek-se-du:— „ „ „

Sing-gio and Sa-ka-kau:—To be supplied.

Song-chiong and Iong-kau:—Diong Giu Hua, one to be supplied.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

DING UNG TIU, P. E. J. H. WORLEY, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Ciong-iong:—Two to be supplied.

Chek-du:— „ „ „ „

Lek-du:—Ding Iok Nguong, one to be supplied.

Ming-chiang City:—Two to be supplied.

Ne-du:—Ding Cing Seng, one to be supplied.

Sang-du and Se-du:—Two to be supplied.

Sek-ek-du:—Lau Guang Hung, one to be supplied.

Sek-chek-du:—Two to be supplied.

Sek-lek-du:—To be supplied.

Sek-ne-du:—Two to be supplied.

Sek-ngo-du:—Li Guong Sieu, one to be supplied.

Sek-se-du:—Two to be supplied.

Jesse F. Newman, E. R. Jellison, Nieh Chen Yi, Hu Chi Pin, Tsu Tsing Chen, Wu Teh Yuen, Tien Yu Ming, Li Yuen Shen, Wilbur F. Wilson, Arthur J. Bowen, Hwang Tsy Sing, Chang Shuh Liang, Tai Ku Chen, Cheng Teng Yin, Kiang Ming Chih, Chen Mei Fu, Sung Cheng Tsai, Tsai Wen Yuen, Yeh Shen King, Missionaries in Central China.

James O. Curnow, Missionary in West China.

II. STANDING COMMITTEES.

1 State of the Church; N. J. Plumb, M. C. Wilcox, Hu Caik Hang, Ding Dai Liong, Ling Seu Ing, Huong Daik Chiong, Ding Giu U, U Siu E.

2. Books, Religious Literature; J. Simester, Ciong Hok Cu, U Siu E, Diong Giu Hua, Ding Cing Seng, Ding Bo Cing.

3. On Sabbath Observance; J. H. Worley, Ding Daing Dieu, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Siu Kung, Diong Seuk Buo, Ung Seng Chuang.

4. On Self Support, Finance; W. H. Lacy, G. S. Miner, Li Guong Sieu, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Giu U.

5. On Temperance; G. S. Miner, Ling Mi Siong, U Siu Ling.

6. Epworth League; W. A. Main, Hu Caik Hang, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Uong Di Gi.

7. Fraternal Delegates; J. Simester, Uong Di Gi, Dang Seng Ling.

III. EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations begin on the Monday preceding Conference at Tieng Ang Dong. The list below arranges the candidates in connection with the Committees which examine them, and omits such as will be examined elsewhere.

1. Admission On Trial.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination:—Genesis; Matthew; John; Catechism with Illustrations; Compend of Doctrine; Discipline, Part III; Geography by Mrs. Baldwin; Arithmetic; Elements of Geology; Buddhism by Dr. Edkins.

b. For Recitation:—Job 38; Psalms 2, 24, 27, 50; Rom. 12; Eph. 3; Rev. 22:

c. To be Read:—Universal History, Vol. I by D. Z. Sheffield; China and Her Neighbors, Y. J. Allen; Prophecy fulfilled in Christ; Life of Wesley, by Mrs. Sites; Wesley's Sermons, by J. Lambuth.

d. Sermon:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—Committee on Examination:—G. S. Miner, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Ung Tiu.

3.—Candidates:—To be recommended by District Conferences.

2. First Year.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination:—Exodus; Joshua; Luke; Acts; I. & II. Peter; Compend of Theology, Vol. I. to II. ch. 4; Church History, Part One; Discipline, Parts 3–6; Confucianism vs. Christianity; Natural Theology, Vol. I. & II. by A. Williamson.

b. For Recitation:—Exodus 20; II. Chronicles 6; Psalm 32, 42, 84, 103; Mark 10; II. Cor. 6; Eph. 6.

c. To be Read:—Life of Christ by A. Williamson; Universal History, Vols. II. III. & IV.

d. Sermon:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—Committee on Examination:—M. C. Wilcox, Iek Ing Guang, Hu Caik Hang.

3.—Candidates:—Sia Tieng Ang, Ling Seu Uong, Huong Do Nguong. (Six others to be examined in Central China.)

3. Second Year.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination:—Psalms 1, 72; Mark; I. and II. Cor.; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; Church History Part II. to

end; Compend of Theology, Vol. II. to end; Bible Hand Book, O. T. Part One by N. J. Plumb; Physiology; Natural Theology. Vol. III. & IV.

b. For Recitation:—Gen. 9; Job. 14; Psalms 11, 51, 90, 91; Matt. 5, 6, 7.

c. To be Read;—Universal History, Vol. V. to end; Chinese Christian Civilization, by E. Faber.

d. Sermon:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—Committee on Examination:—N. J. Plumb, U Sieu E, Diong Seuk Buo.

3.—Candidates:—Iong Hie Ung. (Seven other candidates to be examined in Central China.)

4. Third Year.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination:—Isaiah; I and II. Tim.; Hebrews; Evidences of Christianity, Vol. I. by W. A. P. Martin; Bible Hand Book O. T. Part Two; Astronomy by Baldwin and Sites; Manual for Native Evangelists by J. L. Nevius; Christ and Confucius by W. Muirhead.

b. For Recitation:—Proverbs 1--4; Eccles. 12; Isa. 35, 53; John 3; Gal. 5.

c. To be Read:—Ancient Religions and Philosophies by A. Williamson; Ancestral Worship; Doctrine of Resurrection; How to Win Souls, by Miss Sites.

d. Sermon:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—Committee on Examination:—J. H. Worley, Huong Pau Seng, Uong De Gi.

3.—Candidates:—Siek Gi Ciong, Uong Huong Sing, Ling Dieu Daik, Ding Be Dak, Ho Dieu Iu, Ciong Hok Cu, Co Kong Ching, Ung Uong Ciu, Li Gi Ciong, Li Ko Dung, James Simester. (Three others to be examined in Central China.)

5. Fourth Year.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination:—Ruth; Esther; Psalms, 70 to the end; Daniel; Hosea; Romans; James; Elements of Divinity, by J. W. Lambuth; Moral Philosophy by J. L. Whiting; Bible Hand Book N. T.

b. For Recitation:—Psalms 116; John 14–17.

c. To be Read:—How to Enrich the Nation, W. A. P. Martin; Commentary on Mark by E. Faber.

d. Sermon:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—Committee on Examination:—G. B. Smyth, Ding Siu Kung, Ciong Daik Liong.

3.—Candidates:—Hu Caik Biu, Diong Gieu Hua, Ling Dieu Gek, Uong Hung Ngung, Ding Cing Seng.

6. For Exhorter's License.

1.—Studies.

a. For Examination:—Bible Picture Book, by Mrs. Sites; M. E. Church rules 25; M. E. Church Discipline 28-35; Matthew.

b. For Recitation:—Exodus 20; Apostles Creed; Psalms: 38, 46, 128; Matthew 13.

c. To be Read:—Mark; Luke; John; Acts; Pilgrim's Progress; Life of Wesley.

7. For Local Orders.

In addition to the books studied by Exhorters the following:—Arithmetic by O. Gibson, Elements of Physical Geography, by Mrs. C. C. Baldwin. The Four Books, Chinese Classics.

2.—Committee on Examination:—James Simester, W. A. Main, Ngoi Gi Lang.

3.—Candidates:—(Not Reported).

IV. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. To Examine Teachers of Girls' Schools:—Uong De Gi, Hu Caik Hang, U Sieu E.

2. To Examine Medical Students:—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, Uong De Gi.

3. Epworth League Secretaries:—

Conference Secretary	Miss Bosworth.
Foochow District	Hu Sie Guong.
Hai-tang „	U Sieu E.
Hok-chiang „	Miss Allen.
Iong-bing „	Diong Giu Hua.
Ku-cheng „	Ding Diong Hie.
Ming-chiang„	Miss Peters.

4. Chinese Christian Advocate:—Assistant Editor, Uong De Gi. Foochow member of Publishing Committee, Wm. H. Lacy.

5. To Prepare Conference Program for 1898:—U Sieu E, J. H. Worley, Uong De Gi.

6. To Publish Conference Minutes:—N. J. Plumb, James Simester, W. H. Lacy, Ding Ung Tiu, Uong Huong Sing, Uong De Gi.

7. To Recommed a Basis of Lay Representation in Central Conference: N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, G. S. Miner, Hu Caik Hang, Uong De Gi.

V. FRATERNAL DELEGATES & CORRESPONDENTS.

The Conference elected Fraternal Delegates and Correspondents, as follows:

To JAPAN CONFERENCE:—J. H. Worley, Huong Pau Seng.

„ M. E. CHURCH SOUTH:—N. J. Plumb, Hu Caik Hang.

ALTERNATES:—G. S. Miner, Ciong Hok Cu.

„ AMERICAN REFORMED MISSIONS IN AMOY:---James Simester.

„ AMERICAN BOARD MISSION:—N. J. Plumb, Hu Caik Hang.

„ ANGLICAN MISSION:—James Simester, Uong De Gi.

„ AMOY MISSIONS:---James Simester, Sie Seng Cang.

„ HING-HUA MISSION CONFERENCE:—N. J. Plumb, Ngoi Gi Lang.

„ WRITE TO North China Conference: G. B. Smyth, Tiang Nguk Ceu.

„ „ „ Central China Conference: G. S. Miner, Ding Ung Tiu.

„ „ „ West China Mission:—W. A. Main, U Sieu E.

„ „ „ Board of Bishops:—M. C. Wilcox, Hu Caik Hang.

„ „ „ North India Conference: .....G. B. Smyth.

„ „ „ Mrs. Nind: .....Wm. H. Lacy.

„ „ „ Dr. White: .....Hu Bo Mi.

„ „ „ Dr. Maclay: .....Iek Ing Guang.

„ „ „ Miss Woolston .....N. J. Plumb.

„ „ „ Mrs. Sites.....G. S. Miner.

„ „ „ Ling Ching Mi: .....Co Kong Ching.

„ „ „ Rev. & Mrs. Chandler.....Sie Seng Cang.

VI. BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

Vacancies in the Board of Deaconesses were filled so that the Board was constituted as follows:

G. B. Smyth, President.

Miss A. Linam,
„ L. A. Wilkinson,
„ W. H. Rouse,
„ Althea M. Todd,
James Simester,
Hu Bo Mi,
Hu Caik Hang,
Ding Ung Tiu.

VII. TRUSTEES OF THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY.

For Three Years:—G. B. Smyth, Iek Ing Guang, Uong De Gi.
For Two Years:—N. J. Plumb, Hu Caik Hang, J. H. Worley.
For One Year:—Hu Bo Mi, Ciong Daik Liong, Huong Pau Seng.

VIII. SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon:—Ciong Hok Cu.
Alternate, W. A. Main.

To Preach the Conference Sermon:—James Simester.
Alternate, Tiang Nguk Ceu.

IX. CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

ELDERS.

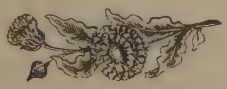
1889	Ceng Ung Uong	Bang-tang giang	Hai-tang District	2
1873	Ciong Daik Liong	Hai-kau	Hok-chiang ,,	1
1879	Dang Seng Ling	Presiding Elder	Iong-bing ,,	2
1892	Ding Bo Cing	Duai-giang	Ku-cheng ,,	3
1888	Ding Dai Liong	Ku-de	,, ,,	1
1892	Ding Daing Dieu	Siu-liang Dong	Foochow ,,	2
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu	Geng-giang	Hok-chiang ,,	5
1892	Ding Giu U	Ciong-hu-buang	Iong-bing ,,	1
1884	Ding Iok Nguong	Lek-du	,, ,,	1
1877	Ding Siu Kung	Dio-a	Ku-cheng ,,	3
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Presiding Elder	Ming-chiang ,,	1
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Sek-baik-du	Ku-cheng ,,	2
1878	Diong Seuk Buo	Iu-ka	Iong-bing ,,	2
1879	Hu Caik Hang	Monitor School of Theology	Foochow ,,	2
1860	Hu Bo Mi	Superannuate	,, ,,	1
1865	Hu Sing Mi	,,	,, ,,	3
1877	Huong Daik Chiong	Hai-iu	Hok-chiang ,,	4
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	,, ,,	1
1864	Iek Ing Guang	,, ,,	Ku-cheng ,,	3
1883	Lacy Wm. H.	Superintendent Mission Press	Foochow ,,	1
		Treasurer and Business Agent	,, ,,	5
1877	Lau Guang Hung	Sek-ek-du	Ming-chiang ,,	2
1889	Li Guong Sieu	Sek ngo-du	,, ,,	2
1892	Ling Heng Tung	Supernumerary	Ku-cheng ,,	1
1869	Ling Mi Ing	Sing-dong	Hok-chiang ,,	2
1879	Ling Seu Ing	Dong-huang	Ku-cheng ,,	3
1892	Ling Ui Sieng	Ding-sang	,, ,,	5
1891	Main W. A.	Missionary of Ku-cheng and	Iong-bing ,,	1
1880	Miner G. S.	Superintendent of Day Schools Supported by Special Gifts	Foochow ,,	3
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	Presiding Elder	Hai-tang ,,	1
1873	Pang Ding Hie	Superannuate	Foochow ,,	1
1870	Plumb N. J.	President School of Theology	,, ,,	3
1878	Sia Heng To	Superannuate	,, ,,	2
1878	Sie Seng Cang	Hok-ing Dong	,, ,,	1
1897	Simester J.	Professor A. C. College	,, ,,	2
1881	Smyth, Geo. B.	President A. C. College	,, ,,	14
1889	Tiang Nguk Ceu	Ku-cheng City	Ku-cheng ,,	3
1892	Tiang Siong Hui	Sek-chek-du	,, ,,	4
1894	Uong Huong Sing	Nguong-die	Foochow ,,	2
1878	U Sieu E	Ngiu-seu	Hai-tang ,,	3
1894	U Sieu Ling	Deng-aing	Hok-chiang ,,	1
1892	Ung Sing Chuang	Siek geng	,, ,,	1
1889	Uong De Gi	Tieng-ang-Dong	Foochow ,,	3
1880	Wilcox M. C.	Missionary, Hok-chiang and	Hai-tang ,,	1
1880	Worley J. H.	Presiding Elder	Foochow ,,	5
		Missionary	Ming-chiang ,,	2

DEACONS.

1893	Ciong Hok Cu	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang District	3
1893	Co Kong Ching	Bo-ding Haeng	Foochow „	3
1893	Cung Daik Ming	Iong-bing City	Iong-bing „	1
1893	Ding Bek Dak	Long-hung	Ku-cheng „	1
1892	Ding Cing Seng	Ne-du	Ming-chiang „	2
1894	Diong Giu Hua	Song-chiong	Iong-bing „	2
1893	Ho Dieu Iu	Liang-tau	Hok-chiang „	1
1895	Li Gi Chiong	Dai-bang	Hai-tang „	1
1890	Li Ko Dung	Gang-cia	Foochow „	2
1894	Ling Dieu Gek	Iong-die	„ „	1
1895	Ling Dieu Daik	Go-iong	Ku-cheng „	2
1893	Siek Gi Ciong	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang „	2
1895	Ung Uong Cui	Ngu-ka	„ „	1
1894	Uong Hung Ngung	Siong-gong-ing	„ „	2
1893	Tsu Tsing Cheng		Central China.	

PROBATIONERS.

1897	Bowen A. J.		Central China.	
1895	Chang Shuh Ling		„ „	
1896	Chen Mei Fu		„ „	
1896	Chen Teng Yiu		„ „	
1896	Curnow Jas. O.	Elder	„ „	
1893	Ding Siu Cing			
1895	Hu Che Ping		Central China.	
1897	Huong Do Nguong	Hai-kau	Hok-chiang Dist.	1
1895	Huang Tsz Sing		Central China	
1896	Iong Hie Ung	Nang-iong	Hok-chiang Dist.	1
1895	Irish Ralph O.		Central China	
1895	Jellison E. R.		„ „	
1895	Kiang Ming Chih		„ „	
1896	Li Yuen Shen		„ „	
1897	Ling Seu Uong	Ching-sing Dong	Foochow District	1
1895	Sia Tieng Ang	In the United States		
1896	Tai Ku Cheu		Central China.	
1895	Tieng Yu Ming		„ „	
1893	Tsu Tsing Cheng		„ „	
1895	Wu Tek Yuen		„ „	



Part Four.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

I. Missionaries, Educational Institutions, Property.

II. Part I. Membership.

III. Part II. Financial.

NOTE. Property valuations and contributions are reported in Mexican dollars, worth about fifty cents U. S. currency.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Rev. W. A. Main, Statistical Secretary.

The tabulated statistics do not include the following items :—

Foreign Missionaries.....10.
Assistant Foreign Missionaries.....9.
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.....11.

Educational Institutions.

Anglo-Chinese College, Foreign teachers.....5.
" " " Native teachers.....10.
" " " Students.....246.
" " " Students' Fees.....$2923.00
Chinese subscriptions to new College Dormitory.....$560.00
Foochow Theological School, Foreign missionary teachers.....1
" " " Native teachers.....3
" " " Students.....45

Property.

Anglo-Chinese College, Two Dormitories and Apparatus.....$25,700.
Eight Residences at Foochow and Ku-cheng.....$20,000.
Two Native Parsonages.....$1,700.
Wiley General Hospital, Ku-cheng.....$4,000.
Foochow Mission Press Building.....$5,000.
Mission Press Type, Presses &c.....$20,000.

Foochow Conference Statistical Tables, Part I.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	W. F. M. S. Native Women helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth Members.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath School Teachers.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of High School Boys.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day School Pupils.
Foochow District.																			
Tieng-ang Dong	5	3	28	47	14	248	75	6	37	63	55	3	170	4	24	580	22	18	440
Cing-sing „	1	1	..	..	..	70	30	..	..	7	5	..	....	2	..	300	..	10	240
Hok-ing „	2	1	..	1	1	56	50	3	14	20	3	..	...	1	2	60	..	20	450
Sieu-liang „	2	..	1	5	2	51	66	1	20	10	6		45	4	4	130	..	12	331
Puo-a	..	..	1	2	1	41	37	..	16	7	2	1	25	1	1	40	..	22	480
Lu-loi	..	..	1	4	..	42	73	1	14	14	1	1	42	1	5	54	..	4	76
A-hong Ga	..	1	..	2	..	13	9	..	2	..	..	..	...	1	1	10	..	3	60
Ngie-cang	..	..	1	2	..	23	28	2	3	8	4	..	....	2	50	200	..	11	250
Bo-deng Haeng	1	..	1	2	1	37	48	3	2	10	1	1	5	3	3	110	..	8	203
Iek-iong	..	1	2	4	1	56	45	3	5	13	3	1	60	3	13	130	.	5	113
Ngu-kang	..	1	3	1	2	56	51	2	23	10	1	1	30	3	3	100	..	13	225
Nguong-die	1	..	3	11	2	62	38	..	9	12	2	3	65	10	10	130	..	10	172
Iong-die	1	..	..	1	1	13	11	..	1	5	..	1	15	5	2	30	..	5	70
Total	13	8	41	82	25	768	561	21	146	179	83	13	457	40	118	1874	22	141	3110

Ming-chiang District.																		
Ne-du	1	..	5	14	..	130	60	1	32	34	8	7	20	7	8	200	..	10	170
Lëk-du	4	..	3	16	2	119	84	3	56	61	4	2	68	7	18	140	36	9	153
Sek-ek Du	1	..	2	5	..	31	15	3	13	8	..	3	25	3	3	30	..	4	60
Sek-se Du	1	..	3	6	..	82	48	4	9	18	12	4	70	4	4	120	..	5	88
Sek-ngo Du	1	..	2	13	..	155	90	4	102	48	42	2	50	7	7	400	..	6	90
Total	8	..	15	54	2	517	297	15	212	166	66	18	413	28	40	890	36	34	561
Hai-tang District.																			
Nguk-seu	1	....	4	4	3	118	260	2	57	61	21	11	111	5	10	280	....	9	207
Bang-tang-ga	2	...	2	2	2	49	42	..	19	7	4	2	35	2	2	45	...	1	23
Dai-bang	1	...	4	2	1	52	55	.	25	13	1	4	60	2	3	50	....	6	122
Dai-ho	..	....	1	..	..	35	26	..	23	3	1	2	12	2	2	17	....	2	50
Bing-tang-ging	1	..	..	3	1	37	21	.	17	6	5	1	24	1	1	20	....	1	23
Dung-chiong	..	...	1	.	..	4	41	..	6	15	4	.	....	1	1	12		....	...
Dai dieng	..	....	..	..	..	1	22	..	....	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....
Sang-le	.	...	3	2	2	68	72	2	35	6	2	4	92	4	4	108	....	5	100
Total	5	.....	15	13	9	364	539	4	182	112	38	24	334	17	23	532	....	24	525
Iong-bing District.																			
Iong-bing City	1	1	2	1	..	32	122	..	9	20	1	....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	1	10
Ciong-hu-bang	1	..	1	1	2	87	25	1	45	20	6	...	.....	1	1	70	.....	3	57
Sek-se-du	..	1	1	1	..	17	7	1	9	3	..	....	.....	1	1	17	.....	.....	.....
Sek chek-du	..	2	..	1	2	25	40	..	11	3	1	....	....	2	3	40	.....	1	20
Iu-ka	1	..	1	1	..	33	9	1	8	6	..	....	.....	2	3	22	.....	1	20
Sing-gio	1		1	2	..	20	5	1	7	9	..	....	.....	1	1	12	.....	.....	.....
Sa-kaing	1	..	..	1	..	15	12	1	1	7	1	....	.....	1	1	15	.....	.....	.....
Hu-nguong	..	..	...	1	..	26	....	..	3	1	3	....	.....	1	1	15	.....	.....	.....
Song chiong	1	..	..	2	..	28	13	1	5	7	5	....	.....	1	1	24	.....	.....	.....
Iong-kau	..	1	..	2	..	13	50	..	2	14	2	1	20	2	1	20	.....	.....	.....
Sa-kang-kau	..	1	1	..	..	4	....	..	..	..	..	....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	6	6	7	13	4	300	283	6	100	90	19	1	20	12	12	235	.....	6	107

Foochow Conference Statistical Tables, Part I.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	W. F. M. S. Native Women helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth Members.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No of Sabbath School Teachers.	No. of Sabbath Scholars.	No. of High School Boys.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day School Pupils.
Hok-chiang District.																			
Hok-chiang City	2	2	..	6	3	77	116	2	40	5	5	1	15	6	6	113	....	5	80
Deng-cheng	1	..	1	1	..	17	6	..	13	..	..	..	..	1	1	15	....	..	..
Geng-giang	1	..	2	8	3	170	188	2	110	17	17	2	88	4	10	100	..	3	49
Ngu-cheng	4	1	7	13	8	226	388	2	125	54	58	1	108	8	21	300	33	4	82
Sing-dong	1	..	4	3	3	127	190	1	80	15	26	3	50	6	6	80	....	3	48
Siek-geng	..	1	2	7	1	133	271	9	122	8	8	..	..	9	9	80	..	2	41
Deng-aing	1	..	2	...	1	43	40	.	20	1	12	..	.	4	4	50	..	1	16
Hai-ieu	1	..	4	1	2	101	168	..	52	7	9	.	..	6	6	87	....	3	53
A-u	1	..	2	..	2	59	56	2	42	1	1	..	..	2	2	40	.	2	35
Sang-sang	..	..	1	..	..	26	60	..	6	4	3	..	..	1	1	20	...	..	..
Hai-kau	1	..	2	..	..	70	90	3	21	1	7	...	..	3	3	60	.....	2	38
Siong-gong-ing	..	1	1	2	..	78	148	2	76	5	5	..	.	3	3	85	.....	1	18
A-gong-ing	..	..	1	1	..	14	88	..	13	4	4	..	..	3	3	40	....	1	18
Ngu-ka	..	1	2	2	..	39	60	..	8	2	10	..	..	4	4	40	....	3	50
Total	13	6	31	44	23	1180	1869	23	728	124	165	7	261	60	79	1110	33	30	528

Ku-cheng District.																			
Chong-tau	1	.....	...	3	1	26	5	.....	2	3	..	2	12	2	2	15	....	1	15
Dio-ha	1	.....	....	3	2	69	11	1	23	3	....	1	40	1	2	40	....	1	15
Dai-giang	1	.....	...	3	4	20	32	....	15	10	15	3	20	2	2	25	...	1	66
Dong-huang	1	...	2	5	2	39	31	...	23	3	2	1	33	1	1	19	.....		
Ding-sang	1	.	.	.....	5	2	28	16	1	19	12	10	2	20	2	2	30	....	1	18
Go-iong	.....	1	1	3	3	48	26	....	35	10	5	1	30	1	3	60	....	1	16
Ku-cheng City	3	3	2	3	12	132	25	4	60	66	24	4	200	4	20	270	56	5	100
Ku-de	1	3	.....	5	3	66	19	3	37	....	...	2	31	2	2	40	...	1	15
Huang-de-iong	.....	1	3	2	....	26	10	....	30	5	...	1	15	2	2	13	....	1	16
Huang-kang	1	....	1	2	1	25	15	....	14	10	3	1	40	1	1	20	....	1	16
Liang-tau	1	2	3	5	.....	131	40	5	62	9	8	5	200	5	7	220	....	1	17
Loi-hung	1	1	.....	4	1	43	9	1	15	1	2	1	20	1	1	32	..	1	16
Sek-chek-du	1	.....	1	3	1	36	44	1	10	4	3	2	20	2	2	30	.....	1	20
Sek-baik-du	1	.....	3	4	1	31	25	....	10	...	.....	2	25	2	2	31	.....	2	40
Seng-leng	1	.....	.....	3	2	37	17	...	19	10	3	2	31	2	2	20	.....	1	17
Seng-iong	1	1	3	5	1	45	21	....	18	4	.....	3	60	3	3	60	.....	1	65
Total	16	12	19	58	36	802	346	16	392	150	75	33	797	33	54	925	56	20	452

Summary by Districts.																			
Foochow District.	13	8	41	82	25	768	561	21	146	179	83	13	457	40	118	1874	22	141	3110
Hok-chiang ,,	13	6	31	44	23	1180	1869	23	728	165	124	7	261	60	79	1193	53	30	528
Hai-tang ,,	5	....	15	13	9	364	539	4	182	112	38	24	334	17	23	532	.....	24	525
Iong-bing ,,	6	6	7	13	4	300	283	6	100	90	19	1	20	12	12	235	.....	6	107
Ku-cheng ,,	16	12	19	55	36	802	346	16	392	150	75	33	797	33	54	925	56	20	453
Ming-chiang ,,	8	....	15	54	2	552	292	15	212	166	66	18	413	28	35	89	36	34	561
Grand Total (1897)	61	32	128	261	99	3960	3890	85	1760	862	405	96	2282	190	321	4848	147	255	5284
,, ,, (1896)	61	37	....	.....	.....	3489	4167	82	.....	911	294	54	1588	184	341	5474	....	231	4324
Increase	..	....	.....	....	.....	477	....	3	.....	.....	111	42	704	6	....	.....	...	24	960
Decrease	.....	5	.....	.....	.	.....	277	. ...	....	49	.....	.....	.....	....	20	626	....	....	.....

Foochow Conference Statistical Tables, Part II.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	Amount contributed by Day School Pupils.	No. of Chapels.	Estim'd Value of Chapels and Parsonages.	No. of Rented Places for worship.	Collected for Bishops Support.	Collected for Missionary Society.	Collected for Home Missionary Society.	Collected for other benevolences.	Collected for Self-support.	Collected for Church Building and Repairs.	Collected for other local Purposes.	Average Attendance on Sunday Worship.
Foochow District.												
Tieng-ang Dong	$ 180.00	6	$9000	3	$ 12.00	$ 60.00	$219.00	$ 518.12	$ 288.00	$2485.00	$ 90.00	630
Cing-sing „	100.00	1	1400	..	..	11.70	.. ..	5.70	50.00	5.80	8.00	70
Hok-ing „	322.60	1	3000	1	1.50	12.00	.....	14.50	60.00	4.10	3.60	100
Sieu-liang „	120.00	1	300	..	1.00	12.00	8.00	2.50	54.00	211.00	6.00	100
Puo-a	240.00	2	....	1	.50	1.50	.....	3.00	40.00	.....	12.20	120
Lu-loi	43.00	..	....	1	.55	2.50	2.50	23.55	32.90	281.00	5.10	120
A-hong Ga	38.00	..	....	1	1.50	1.50	.....	1.60	30.00	56.00	6.00	20
Ngie-cang	240.00	..	300	1	...	2.50	4.00	...	20.50	... ...	1.00	...
Bo-deng Haeng	120.00	1	500	2	1.50	4.00	2.00	1.20	38.00	... ...	2.10	70
Iek-iong	.....	1	500	..	.50	3.00	1.50	2.00	30.00	27.30	...	160
Ngu-kang	115.00	2	800	1	1.00	6.00	8.55	1.75	23.00	... ...	.....	300
Nguong-die	180.00	1	....	..	1.00	3.50	.....	2.00	57.55	.....	3.00	120
Iong-die	7.00	..	....	1	20	2.50	1.50	1.20	16.60	4.50	.30	30
Total	$1705.60	16	$15800	12	$ 21.25	$122.70	$247.05	$ 577.12	$ 740.55	$3074.70	$ 137.30	1840

Ming-chiang District.												
Ne-du	$160.00	4	$ 960.	1	$ 2.00	$ 4.00	.....	$ 8.00	$128.00	$ 905.00	$8.00	300
Lĕk-du	172.00	1	1260.	2	2.00	10.00	.....	12.00	104.00	104.00	3.00	280
Sek-ek Du	82.00	..	.....	2	1.00	3.00	.....	2.20	42.00	9.00	3.00	100
Sek-se Du	50.00	2	600.	1	1.50	2.00	.....	1.50	56.00	200.00	2.00	200
Sek-ngo Du	60.00	..	.....	2	1.00	5.00	.....	7.00	128.00	.....	1.40	500
Total	$474.00	7	$2820	8	$ 7.50	$ 24.00	.....	$30.70	$458.00	$ 518.00	$17.40	1380
Hai-tang District.												
Nguk-seu	$196.00	1	$ 1200.	....	$ 2.00	$ 8.00	$ 14.00	$ 3.50	$ 92.40	$ 430.00	$ 22.00	450
Bang-tang-ga	30.00	1	1400.		1.50	.....	10.00	1.00	20.00	70.00	2.00	60
Dai-bang	75.00	2	700.	.. .	.50	.....	2.80	1.30	16.50	100.00	1.50	100
Dai-ho	195.00	.....	.....	1	.40	.....	1.00	.50	7.60	.....	.....	50
Bing-tang-ging	10.00	1	190.	....	.50	.....	2.00	.....	9.00	20.00	10.00	75
Dung-chiong	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.50	.....	3.20	.....	.....	22
Dai dieng	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	12
Sang-le	70.00	1	950.	1	1.00	.....	8.00	3.20	36.50	18.00	10.50	148
Total	$576.00	6	$4430.	4	5.90	$ 8.00	38.30	$ 9.50	$187.20	$ 638.00	$ 46.00	917
Iong-bing District.												
Iong-bing City	$10.50	1	$ 300	2	$ 1.00	.....	$ 3.00	$ 2.42	$ 69.00	.....	$ 56.70	40
Ciong-hu-bang	10.00	1	1000	1	.50	.....	5.00	.....	28.00	.....	.....	70
Sek-se-du	.....	1	500	....	.10	.....	1.85	.....	3.00	.....	.....	20
Sek-chek-du	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	5.05	.84	8.50	.....	.....	30
Iu ka	.....	.....	.....	1	.20	.....	3.40	1.50	13.40	.....	.....	25
Sing-gio	.....	.....	.....	1	.50	.....	2.60	.....	8.00	.....	.....	20
Sa-kaing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.20	.....	2.00	.....	44.60	.....	.....	32
Hu-nguong	.....	1	.....	.....	.40	.....	2.45	.....	12.00	.....	.....	13
Song-chiong	.....	1	500	....	.40	.....	2.65	.....	5.45	.....	.....	30
Iong-kau	.....	.....	.....	1	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	18.00	.....	$ 9.00	40
Sa-kang-kau	.....	.....	.....	.....	.10	.....	.15	.....	13.00	.....	.....	5
Total	$20.00	5	$2300	8	$ 4.40	.....	$30.55	$ 4.76	$222.95	.....	$ 65.70	315

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Hok-chiang District.												
Hok-chiang City	$ 50.00	2	$ 290	4	$ 1.00	$ 5.00	$ 8.00	$ 2.00	88.00	$ 54.00	$ 16.00	330
Deng-cheng				1	.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.00		4.00	45
Geng-giang	35.90	9	1968	1	1.00	7.50	3.00	46.35	75.00	711.80	42.00	805
Ngu-cheng	65.00	4	1200	3	2.00	12.00	8.00	8.00	177.00	1620.00	80.00	1264
Sing-dong	48.00	5	1468	5	1.00	6.10	3.00	2.40	78.00	120.00	60.00	760
Siek-geng	40.00	5	1600	4	1.00	6.00	4.00	3.00	65.00	243.00	48.00	800
Deng-aing	10.50	2	350	2	.40	1.00	2.00	1.00	16.00	30.00	12.00	130
Hai-ieu	60.00	4	1800	1	1.00	5.00	2.00	6.00	56.10	50.00	80.00	640
A-u	20.00	2	1400	..	.60	3.00	1.00	1.00	30.00	50.00	10.00	190
Sang-sang		..		1	.50	1.00	..		16.00	20.00	10.00	120
Hai-kau	30.00	2	955	...	.50	6.00	4.00	1.50	56.00	50.00	55.00	260
Siong-gong-ing	14.00	3	1000	..	.65	5.00	2.00	1.50	46.00	53.00	35.00	350
A-gong ing	15.00	..		3	.50	1.00	..	2.00	40.00	20.00	16.00	170
Ngu-ka	18.00	1	20	3	.50	4.00	3.00	1.10	16.00	51.00	30.00	120
Total	$ 406.40	39	$14751	28	$ 10.85	$ 65.60	$41.00	$ 76.85	$ 765.10	$ 3072.80	$ 498.00	5 985

Ku-cheng District.												
Chong-tau	$ 3.00	1	$ 75	....	$ .40	$ 2.00	$ 3.00	... .	$ 7.85	.....	.....	.....
Dio-ha	6.70	1	220	....	.60	5.00	8.00	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....
Dai-giang	6.60	1	400	....	.20	3.00	2.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Dong-huang	.....	1	300	....	.40	3.00	3.90	....	7.50	.. ....	.....	..
Ding-sang	6.50	1	90	1	.35	3.50	2.00	.....	8.90	.....	.....	... ..
Go-iong	6.00	1	60	..	.50	2.50	4.00	... .	6.00	.....	.....	.....
Ku-cheng City	. ....	1	2700	2	2.50	12.00	14.00	.....	33.00	.....	$ 16 00	.....
Ku-de	4.50	1	200	....	.50	2.50	6.90	... .	2.00	.....	... .	. ....
Huang-de-iong	5.00	1	53	....	.20	2.00	3.50	.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....
Huang-kang	5.00	1	200	...	.50	2.20	2.80	.....	9.20	.....	.....	.....
Liang-tau	5.00	1	600	1	.50	5.00	17.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Loi-hung	7.00	1	250	....	.50	3.00	4.05	... .	14.50	.....	.... .	.....
Sek-chek-du	4.00	.....	...	1	3.50	2.30	4.20	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....
Sek-baik-du	8.00	1	150	..	.20	1.00	2.25	.....	12.30	.....	.....	.....
Seng-leng	5.50	.....	....	2	.20	2.00	4.96	.....	2.40	.....	.....	.....
Seng-iong	4.00	....	....	2	.30	4.00	4.00	.....	9.50	.....	.....	.....
Total	$ 76.80	13	$ 5298	9	$ 11.35	$ 55.00	$ 85.66	....	$187.65	....	$ 16.00	.....

Summary by Districts.												
Foochow District. -----	$1705.68	16	$15800	12	$21.25	$124.70	$ 247.05	$ 567.12	$740.55	$3074.70	$137.30	1840
Hok-chiang „ -----	401.40	39	14931	28	10.85	63.60	42.00	78.85	715.10	2697.00	494.00	6085
Hai-tang „ -----	576.00	6	4430	4	5.90	38.30	8.00	9.50	187.20	638.00	46.00	917
Iong-bing „ -----	70.00	5	2300	8	4.40	30.55	.....	4.76	222.95	.....	65.70	315
Ku-cheng „ -----	76.80	13	5298	9	11.35	56.30	85.66	.....	187.65	....	16.00	.....
Ming-chiang „ -----	474.00	7	2840	8	7.50	24.00	.....	19.90	458.00	518.00	17.40	1580
Grand Total (1897) -	$3303.80	86	$45599	69	61.25	337.45	382.71	680.13	2511.45	6927.70	776.40	10537
„ „ (1896) -	.....	65	32529	62	56.20	357.50	48.20	210.62	1825.96	2477.47	747.40	.....
Increase	.....	21	$13070	7	$ 5.05	.....	$ 334.41	$ 469.51	$685.49	$4450.23	$ 29.00	.....
Decrease	....	....	.....	.....	.....	$ 20.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Part Five.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. W. F. M. S. Reports.

II. W. F. M. S. Appointments.

III. W. F. M. S. Statistics.

W. F. M. S. REPORTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

This semi-centennial year is certainly a fitting time for retrospection and such retrospection awakens in our hearts songs of thanksgiving. The open doors on every hand, the eager invitations to enter homes and villages, coming so constantly from all directions, contrasted with the long years of persistent prayerful labor with such scant apparent results, causes one again and again to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" The experiences of the early missionaries who toiled to prepare the soil and begin the seed sowing, how different from our own! The pioneer preachers and Bible women, then young converts to this new faith, what persecutions they endured! Every door closed against them, reviled, insulted, often beaten and driven from their homes, yet steadfast in their allegiance to God! As we listen to their experiences we are filled with admiration and respect for these veterans of the cross, and our hearts swell with gratitude to Him whose power alone has worked these mighty changes.

We can not say with Paul, "We have strived to preach the Gospel not where Christ was named lest we should build upon another man's foundation." We say rather "Other men labored and we have entered into their labors." For so hath God called us.

Even though it be a fitting time to trace these various branches of work from their beginnings it is impossible in a brief report to give more than the merest outline.

DAY SCHOOLS.

We begin first with the Day Schools because that was really the first work begun by women for the uplifting of their Chinese sisters. Mrs. Maclay opened the first school in 1848, with ten pupils. This school was

closed for a time because of Mrs. Maclay's illness and temporary absence in Hing-hua, but was reopened under the joint supervision of Mrs. Maclay and Mrs. Gibson. This school had reached an enrollment of about thirty by the time the church was ready to begin a boarding school in Foochow

Next we hear of Mrs. Sites' day school at Ngu-kang. The teacher of this school was a young man not yet converted to Christianity, but afterward well known throughout the church, the sainted Dr. Sia. Again we find a day-school opened at Iek-iong in 1872. The teacher, Miss Ding Chung Guong, a girl who had finished the course in the Boarding School. She has the honor of being the first woman in China to teach a day school.

As the Gospel leaven continued to work, schools were opened in other villages. The early systems of rewards have all been entirely done away with, and still we have in the district eight schools with an enrollment on the examination schedules of 160 pupils.

The quarterly examinations, almost without exception, have been very satisfactory indeed.

A new feature of the work this year was the Teacher's Normal held the first three weeks in August. The teachers showed their appreciation of this opportunity for study by their industry and the examination in the first two years of the course by one class, and the first three years by another was creditably passed. We hope the Teachers' Normal will become a permanent part of the day school system.

GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOL.

This school was opened Nov. 28,1859 in the Chinese building previously occupied by Mr. Gibson's boys school, and from an enrollment of fifteen the first year it gradually outgrew two buildings and in 1884 Miss Jewell and Miss Fisher, who took up the work which the Misses Woolston had begun and carried on for a quarter of a century, reported forty-six girls. The school was then in its third building, now known as

the Theological school. Again in 1893 the school could not be accommodated in that building and the present one being ready for occupancy a school of sixty-nine boarders and seventeen day pupils moved into new quarters with a feeling that now we had room for many years growth. But notwithstanding the opening of boarding schools in other districts, the requiring of entrance examinations or self support until two years of the course has been studied, we find our enrollment for the present year 115 boarders, and eighteen day pupils.

The course of study has been gradually expanded till it now embraces, not only the Bible and Christian books, but the sciences, Chinese classics, English and music.

Besides the teaching done by the missionaries in charge, eight Chinese teachers are employed, six of whom are graduates from the school and each doing excellent work in her own department. An evening teacher is also employed, a first degree man, under whose instructions the teachers are still pursuing their studies. A class of four graduated in May. They are all girls of solid Christian character, who, we feel sure, will stand fast in the faith whatever comes to the future church in China.

The Christian work done by the girls, both in and outside the school deserves mention. The Sunday School, the Epworth League, both Senior and Junior, the Saturday evening Methodist class meetings are almost entirely carried on by the teachers and older pupils, besides much itinerating in company with the lady missionaries. The girls are always ready to teach, lead a meeting, do house to house visiting, or tell the Gospel story to the crowds of heathen women who visit the school and home.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

This school was first opened in 1879. It was afterwards connected with the Girls Boarding School from 1884 to 1889 when Miss Hartford came to take charge of that work, and the school was moved to Tai-mau.

It is now temporarily located at Da-ding, awaiting a new building which will no doubt soon be erected. Rev. Hu Bo Mi so well-known for his success in training Bible women still continues, in addition to his work as pastor, to render much valuable assistance in the school. The enrollment this year is twenty-one and the examinations show that they are doing remarkably well in their studies, while their growth in spiritual life has been most gratifying. Two finished the course in the twelfth month and went into the field as Bible women. Mrs. Ling Gick Siong, a former student in both the girls and womans school, is teacher and fills the place very acceptably. This is a most important branch of the work because the greatest need of the hour is consecrated godly middle-aged women who can go out into these needy places and lead their sisters to Christ.

BIBLE WOMEN.

There are this year just as many Bible women at wórk on this district as there were in the entire Foochow and Hing-hua conferences seven years ago; namely, eleven.

Of these one works in connection with Tieng-ang dong and is supported from a private source; the other ten are regulary employed by the society. They are earnest devoted women working in the hardest places, preaching, teaching, visiting from house to house, holding prayer meetings, leading classes, and in all ways making full proof of their ministry. Their reports for the year sum up as follows: Women being taught 225. Prayer meetings held 547. Homes visited 1460. Total number of hearers 13,690. This report fails to do justice to the subject. One cannot put on paper the struggles and conflicts, the trials and temptations, the weariness and discouragement that sometimes come to the worker as she labors to lead souls from darkness to light, from sin and superstition into righteousness and truth. But knowing something of these experiences we say all honor to the noble band of Chinese women and girls, whether

in the schools or direct evangelistic work. The Lord bless you and make the coming year even more fruitful than this and may each one indeed realize the hundred-fold now in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting. And now let us covenant with each other and with God to do our part in bringing China to Christ within the next half century.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Bonafield,

Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage.

Mrs. R. S. Maclay opened a Foundling Asylum in Foochow in 1858 Quite a number of girl babies were received into the Asylum. Many were sick when taken in and only lived a short time. In 1873 all the children, then twelve in number, were put into the Girls Boarding School. Some of them were quite young but this seemed the only thing to do as there was no one to take charge of them. When these girls were grown up, they were married to Christian men, the most of them marrying preachers. With a few exceptions they have proved to be true Christian workers.

The Mary E. Crook Orphanage was founded in 1891. Miss Lydia A. Trimble had charge of the Orphanage the first year. In 1892 Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy took charge of it. At that time there were fourteen little girls in the Orphanage. They were scattered about in various parts of the conference; many of them had not been seen by Mrs. Lacy. It seemed best that we should have a place in Foochow where the children could be gathered together so that we could see

that they were properly cared for.

Sept. 1. 1892, we rented a part of Rev. Hu Iong Mi's house, and had the children brought to Foochow. During the year five were received and seven died leaving a total of twelve. The Mary E. Crook Memorial building was completed the following year, and the children were moved into the new building Mar. 15, 1894. The children enjoy the new building greatly. There was far less sickness and only two deaths that year. Ten were received during the year making a total of twenty. A kindergarten was opened for the older children and they were very much interested in it.

The following year was one of mingled trial and blessing. Several children were received and there were eight deaths. At the close of the year there were thirty children in the Orphanage. One of the children began studying in the Intermediate department of the Girls Boarding School, three in the primary department, and six others were in the kindergarten class. Family worship was held morning and evening. Many visits were made at homes where children were being nursed or to investigate the cases which had asked permission to enter the Orphanage.

The following year was filled with glorious opportunities, though it was not without its trials and discouragements. There were thirty-eight children in the Orphanage during the year. Of these, eight were received during the year and six were called to the home beyond. For the sick and diseased we had skilled medical attendance and rejoiced to see some of them restored to health. For the dying we provided loving care and Christian burial.

In the good providence of God the year 1897 has been a very prosperous one. We have received one child into the Orphanage making a total of thirty-three. We have had very little sickness among the children as compared with former years. We have not had a single

death, for whichwe are very thankful to our loving Heavenly Father. In this work we have been most ably assisted, the past few years, by Cio Lang, a very faithful Christian worker, who has been a blessing to us all. We feel that she was sent to us in answer to prayer. She not only looks after the children's health, but is a great blessing to them spiritually. The children are greatly interested in their kindergarten, where among other things they are taught Bible stories from Bible pictures. They are also taught to sing. At morning and evening prayers they are taught to recite Bible verses. All of the children who are old enough are taught to pray before going to bed at night. They are greatly intersted in the Bible stories and are anxions to learn more about their loving Heavenly Father.

God grant that our labors may be wonderfully blessed and that these little ones whom we have rescued from death and heathenism, may be the instruments in God's hands, of making Christian homes and of turning many from darkness to the marvelous light and liberty that there is in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allie Linam.

Liang Au Hospital.

LUELLA M. MASTERS, M. D, HU KING ENG, M. D.

My work in the hospital only began at last conference time, so I do not know how many became probationers last year. This year ten have been received into probation from the hospital during this year and over twenty women have been baptized. During the year, I have gone into a dozen families in eight different villages to preach and about three hundred persons have listened to the doctrine.

In the upstairs hospital ward there were about 100 women who have gladly listened to the doctrine.

During the year there have been 110 in-patients, including women and children, and 6000 dispensary patients. For two months past I have been sick, and have not recorded all the patients. I only report those which I have recorded.

A few cases are of interest and therefore I will mention them.

A lady who is an official's daughter, was very glad indeed when she heard the doctrine and unbound her feet, and made herself some of the natural feet shoes while she was in the hospital.

A girl, a native of Liang-au, sixteen years of age and who is not yet betrothed, was also glad to become a probationer but her parents were unwilling for her to do so. Her family are quite well off. Jesus has said,"How hardly shall they who have riches enter the kingdom of heaven. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." After the girl left the hospital she asked her grandmother to exhort her mother and beg her to let her become a probationer, but with what result I do not know.

There have been many interesting cases in the hospital but I have not time to mention any more. There have been a great many sick people.

Every Monday, Miss Linam and some of the sisters from the Girls Boarding School, have come to the hospital to teach the doctrine to the sick people. I think this will do the people a great deal of good.

Besides these Ngu Huoi Mu and Seng Huoi Cia have done a great deal of good teaching and preaching.

The physicians in charge and the medical students have also been very zealous in the Lord's work. Not only have they embraced every opportunity to do the Lord's work while attending to their patients and dispensing medicines, but they have shown to all their patients the greatest kindness. I know that a mother's love could not have shown

greater kindness. I do not say this because I have been working in the hospital but as an endless memorial of their kind treatment to me during my illness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lau Huoi Mu.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

DAY SCHOOLS.

1886 reports the first day school in Hai-tang as follows: "On Hai-tang is our first mixed school, consisting of ten girls and ten boys. This school is under the care of both missions. We pay half the teacher's salary, but give no rewards." No further mention is made of day schools on the Island till 1890, though we doubt not there were some, when three were reported. The number remained about the same till within a year or two ago when other schools have been opened, numbering this year seven.

During our visit in June we learned of an incident, which goes to prove that our day schools are not in vain. One of the large pupils, who had attended school about three years, was married, going into a heathen home. Her own people were also heathen. But *she* was a Christian; had become so in the school, and when she reached her new home, she refused to take part in their heathen ceremonies. She went on her way so quietly, persistently and consistently, that within a year her husband had become a Christian, and her own parents as well.

BIBLE WOMEN.

Not till 1894 did Hai-tang have its first Bible woman. That she, Mrs. Ding, who was the first woman on the island to accept Christ, should

be this Bible woman was very fitting. She is not very well versed in books, but she *does know* the Lord Jesus Christ, and how to present Him to others. We have as yet only two Bible women. Far too few, but our Womans School just started will we trust soon meet this great need.

WOMANS SCHOOL.

Yes at last, thank God, we are able to report a Womans school in Hai-tang. After many years of waiting and praying it was opened last March. Only twelve women were in attendance last term, and this term the same, not because there were not many others anxious to come, but appropriations granted provided for just this number.

We attended the examin ation the last of June, and if the work done that first term is any index to the future of the school, then our hopes run high. The number of books examined, surpassed any examination we ever before had attended, and confirmed the belief we already had, that Hai-tang women, given a chance, would equal if not excel in ability the women of other districts.

May God seal all this work with His benediction is our prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia A. Trimble.
Mable Allen.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

DAY SCHOOLS.

This Jubilee year, it behooves us to take a look backward over the years, as well as to report the work of the present time. Twenty-three years ago the first day school in the district was opened at Geng-giang, under Mrs. Plumb's supervision. It was taught by Cieng Ieu So,

the mother of our present teacher at Cieng-ga, Ho Sieng Saeng. Two years later however, the school was taught by a Christian man, Ho Gai Ieu, as very few indeed were the women at that early day who could read. Other schools were opened later, at Iong-bieng taught by Mrs. Sie Huo Mi, and at Ngu-cheng, the teacher being Mrs. Nguoi Gi Lang. Whether these schools were kept up continuously we cannot ascertain, but we doubt it, because for a lapse of twelve years there is no mention made of them. The first report of day schools we find for Hok-chiang is in our Womans Conference Minutes of 1886 where the following item is entered: "In Hok-chiang we have but one girls day school. This was just started during the year at Gong-ing, and has an enrollment of seven only." So it would almost seem that again in 1886, day schools for girls was a new feature. They however, this time had come to stay, and increased very rapidly, for four years later we have reported thirteen schools. The number has not varied greatly from that time till this, when we can report but fifteen, the highest number, however, Hok-chiang has ever had.

During these years our schools have not been without their "ups and downs." The question of rewards has caused a good many downs. Some inducement was necessary in the early days to get pupils at all, because "*why* should *girls* study" was the question that met us, so ten cash (equal to one cent) a day was given each girl. This did not prove a success however, and was discontinued, giving instead a definite amount for each book examined. This system was continued till 1893, when all money rewards were stopped, and for a time our schools suffered. But gradually they are recovering from this shock, and although our numbers are not so large as formerly, still we feel the schools are now on a solid basis, and although they fall very short of our ideal, in almost every respect, still we are full of hope for their future.

BIBLE WOMEN.

When the first Bible woman was employed and who she was I have not been able to find out. Some say it was Hu Nguong Dang's mo-

ther, of Gong-ing. Among the very first, and probably the first was Mrs. Sie Huo Mi, who since her conversion thirty years ago, has given many a testimony for the Master. Now that ill-health has laid her aside, she but waits the summons to the better world. Another of the early workers was Ngu Huoi Mu, at present matron of the Womans Hospital in Foochow.

Evidently this class of workers was discontinued very soon, for we find no record of them till 1890, when our Womans Conference Minutes has this note: "Our one Hok-chiang Bible woman is Mrs. Sie Huo Mi. She wrote us during the year of many villages visited, and of many women glad to hear of God." We regret to record that our growth has been very slow, for now in 1897 we can report only five Bible women. The need is great; constant requests are coming from all over the district for Bible women; our church is suffering because we cannot grant these requests, but no others are yet ready for the work. May God awaken the consciences of many of Hok-chiang's Christian women to give themselves to this most important of all work, preaching the Gospel to those still in darkness.

WOMANS SCHOOL.

Opened in March, 1893. During its history of nearly five years, the school has never had less than twenty enrolled and usually more, while each term many have been turned away. We cannot doubt that the school has been a source of blessing to each one who entered, and though not nearly all have gone from us to enter active Christian work, still all have gone back to their homes to live better Christian lives, to be better wives and mothers.

The sentiment against bound feet has never diminished since that first term when all but two of the twenty women unbound their feet. Indeed it is a rare thing now to have a woman come in with bound feet, the sentiment being such that nearly all unbind before coming. As a direct result of the influence of these women who come to the school.

scores of other women all over the district have also been persuaded to give up this accursed custom.

Jan. 1896, we graduated our first class of six, and if they are a sample of the workers which the school is going to produce, then we have no fears for its future.

Three of the six are teaching day schools, two others are working as Bible women, while the sixth is in charge of our Womans School recently opened in Hai-tang.

We still are without a school home, but through the kindness of Mrs. Stevens of Manchester, Ia., this need is soon to be met. In fact the site is already purchased, and we hope next year to build. With hearts full of gratitude for the past of this school, we look forward hopefully to its future.

GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOL.

We report this last, not because we consider it of least importance, but because it it the newest department of our work, having been opened only last year in April.

The new building was then ready for occupancy, and we find it highly satisfactory, both as home and school. The first term began with twelve pupils; we now have thirty-one. Our school might grow much more rapidly, did we not so steadfastly adhere to the rule first laid down, that none but those able to pass an examination in the first two years of the day school course should be admitted. After all it is not numbers that we crave, but we are anxious that the founding of this school, from which we hope so much, should be laid broad, deep and sure; then the building of the superstructure will be comparatively easy. We believe a right beginning is being made, largely due to the helpful and hearty co-operation of our teachers, and we anticipate nothing else, than that out from this school shall flow streams of blessing to enrich this entire district. It can not be otherwise; this school has been the object of so many years of labor, and the subject of so many tears and prayers. May God let His best,

richest blessings rest on all this work in Hok-chiang is our hearts' cry.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia A. Trimble.

Mable Allen.

KU-CHENG AND IONG-BING DISTRICTS.

After conference last year five women were sent out from the Ku-cheng Womans School to do Bible women's work, and two to teach day schools.

Seven new women were received into the school, to take their places, this year. This fall at district conference time, three women from the school took the Bible women's examination, and two the day school teacher's. Three of these five have already begun work, and the other two will be appointed after Conference. This school was opened in March 1891, and has sent out thirty workers,--fourteen Bible women and sixteen day school teachers.

After conference last year five day schools were closed, because they were not very good, and later on four new ones were opened in more promising places. There have been eighteen schools this year, with 315 pupils. Of these pupils 168 were from Christian, and 147 from non-Christian families.

There have been 106 new pupils this year. Twenty pupils from the day schools have been admitted to the Boarding school. There have been forty-one women studying in the schools. This rejoices our hearts, for we feel sure that women study because they want to learn the Christian doctrine, and for no other reason.

From the day schools twenty-one have been baptized this year, the largest number in any one school being in the Ku-cheng City school.

Two new schools are of especial interest, as they were opened in places where there was no preacher and no Christian women. A few men had been Christian and were anxious for their families to learn the doctrine. In one of these villages nine women have been studying in the school, and about twenty women regularly attend church. There have been eleven Bible women this year. They report having worked in forty-four different villages, preached the gospel 3782 times, the number of hearers being 24,820; having led 531 prayer meetings, and visited twenty-four sick people. There have been twenty-six join the church, and twenty-nine probationers, and 126 have been led to attend church regularly.

One Bible woman reports nineteen villages visited, the gospel preached 1285 times to 6000 hearers, 120 prayer meetings led, and forty sick people visited.

This summer vacation one of the pupils from the Womans school went to Dong-huang. Her work was wonderfully blest. Over ten became Christians. Her work is not included in the regular reports.

This year three Ku-cheng women went to Foochow to do Bible woman's work, and one to Ming-chiang district. One returned in a few months as she was sick. The others have done faithful work there. One of our women helped for a time as matron in the girls school, as no one else could be found. This has made our number of workers smaller but has helped more needy places.

This year in Iong-bing district there have been twelve women studying at Ciong-hu-buang, preparing to make Bible women or day school teachers. Beside these there have been several little heathen girls studying at the chapel, so the school has been a sort of combination, womans and day school.

Many heathen women daily visit the school, as it never ceases to be a wonder to the Ciong-hu-buang people. To see women with unbound feet studying books is ever of new interest. The teacher and pu-

pils always teach their visitors of Christ and his power to save, so much seed is sown during the year.

Two of the former pupils of this class are now teaching day schools; one in Ciong-hu-buang, and one at Sek-chek-du. They both have good schools. This year we only have three day schools in Iong-bing district as the teachers of two day schools moved away, and one school was closed because it was unprofitable.

Iong-bing district has never had but one Bible woman. She is a graduate of our Ciong-hu-buang schools. This year she has been at Sek-chek-du. It was considered a wonderful thing for a woman to go away from her home. She is a Ciong-hu-buang woman. At first her family was unwilling, but she said, "God wants me to go; I must obey Him." After a time her people allowed her to go. She met with good success. Over ten women accepted Christ during the first few months she was there. At first she was bitterly persecuted but she bore it patiently. When her husband heard of the trouble, he asked, "Did she do any thing wrong?" When told she did not, he said "Never mind then, God will take care of her; we must all suffer for Christ's sake." I had expected him to order her to come home at once. Truly God's ways are wonderful; we will give Him the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel C. Hartford.

Ku-cheng Girls Boarding School.

Supported by Topeka, Minneapolis, North-Western and Philadelphia Branches.

During the school year, now drawing to a close, the *personnel* of the school has changed more than in any previous year of its short history.

Conference claimed, for more direct evangelistic work, the minister who has been head teacher since the organization of the school, and his wife, our bright, energetic, little matron, went with him of course.

The new teacher has proved fairly competent, but the good Bible woman who came, at my request, to fill the position of matron, was physically unable to accomplish the work which fell upon her, no light work at best, and never before in one term had there been so much sickness in school as during the first term this year. Twenty-nine girls had chills and fever the first month and thirteen cases of measles helped multiply the cares of the matron and make school more like a hospital than anything else.

At the beginning of the autumn term a graduate of the Foochow womans school, a widow with no family cares, undertook to fill the important and responsible position of matron. It is too soon to predict whether she will prove the right woman in the right place or not. There have been many changes in the pupils too. One of our senior class, the daughter of a preacher, left our school and entered the Foochow school when her father was transferred to that district and another member of the class left us to become the wife of a young Anglo-Chinese College boy.

One girl was unable to come back to school on account of her health and another was transferred to the Foochow school, it being more convenient for her to go there.

Twenty-four new girls have been received. No pupil is admitted who has not passed successfully three years' examinations in a day school and been recommended by the teacher, the preacher in charge and the missionary superintendent of the W. F. M. S. district work.

This year all new girls who have come in, have done so under contract which binds the parents or guardians to leave them until they have completed the six years' course of study. It has been a matter of regret to those in charge, that nearly every term some girls have dropped

out to be married, and the contract system seemed necessary to insure the completion of school work by the girls, *who never willingly leave school.* As no girl under twelve years of age is taken into the school, it will usually follow that the graduates will be eighteen years old, *quite young enough to be married.*

Spiritually the school is healthy, each of the older girls feels it her duty to help the younger ones in spiritual things, and the slight quarrels which occur among the sixty pupils have always been settled by prayer. I do not hesitate to say that some of the sweetest, truest Christians I have ever known are among these girls.

An Epworth League, named in honor of Mrs. S. L. Baldwin (the first foreign woman who ever visited Ku-cheng) was organized this year. Each department has been most energetic and active in its own line of work. The Mercy and Help department has made, and given to the poor, eighteen garments and the League has paid twenty dollars toward the support of our pastor.

The first class, now reduced to four, will (D. V.) graduate in June 1898 and at least two of the four will be able to remain with us as teachers.

Many heathen women visit the school, and not one goes away who has not heard the Gospel message.

We are very grateful to the General Society for allowing us the use of the hospital and home again this year. A physician and his wife will soon be here and, of course, we must move. We are most anxiously waiting for the word from home that we may build. It looks now, as if the school will have to be closed unless the appropriation for buildings is met. We are trusting the Lord who in the past has so abundantly blessed us, for this much needed shelter for our girls.

With a heart full of gratitude for the blessings of this year, I look confidently and hopefully into the future expecting greater things from

the One "who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Respectfully submitted,

Willma H. Rouse.

Since the above was written the one word " Build" has been received by cable from home, and we greatly rejoice.

W. H. R.

Ku-cheng Romanized School.

Supported by Northwestern Branch.

A few words first as to why this school was opened. All over this great district (and the same might be said of the entire conference, there are women who believe in Christ, but who have had so little instruction that they still cling to many heathen customs and superstitions). Many have never had an opportunity to learn to read, and with their poor, crippled feet can not often walk to church. Many others really want to be Christians, but *do not know how.* To be able to read the Chinese written language (the character) requires years of study. Few women could give the required time, even if we had schools for them, for all Chinese women are married, and one rarely sees a young or middle-aged woman who has not a child in her arms.

Some friends have confounded the Romanized school with the Bible Training school. The latter is for the training of teachers and Bible women, the former aims simply to teach women how to be Christians, and by the use of the Romanized to teach them, in a term of three or four months, to read for themselves the Word.

All of the New Testament, parts of the Old Testamant, The Bible in Pictures and Story, the Catechism, Hymnal, and a few other books.

already been printed in the Romanized form so there is no lack of books for the pupils to study, and surely if our women can read these they can not help but be more earnest, intelligent Christians.

The first class was not made up of the most promising women. It was an untried plan, and the Chinese are very conservative, and are not given to embracing new ideas until they have proven to be correct ones. However, with one exception the women of this class learned to read and to read well. The exception was a women of nearly sixty. These women went back to their home, in July, after four months of study, and their pastors and Miss Hartford, whose district work gives her an opportunity of visiting occasionally in their homes, bring me most encouraging reports of their work among the heathen women of their villages and in Sunday school.

One member of this first class I have recommended to the Bible training school and she will enter as soon as a vacancy occurs there. Another is with me this autumn to help entertain heathen women who come to call on me. She tells the Gospel story in such a simple, earnest way, and has such faith in prayer that I feel sure she is a help to many. Another, the young wife of a young preacher was taken in, not because she was specially desirous of coming but because her husband wanted her to learn to be a help to him in his work. He is very grateful and now that a wee baby has come to their home it is such a comfort to know that the seventeen year old mother has been established in the faith and will be able to bring up her little one to love Christ.

The second class was opened September thirteenth, with eighteen promising women, all young but one. Six are brides, one an unmarried woman of seventeen, betrothed to a heathen, one such a beautiful Christian, the neglected wife of an opium smoker, one the wife of a theological student and one is the only Christian in a large family. It is really pathetic to hear her say, "Pray for me that when I go home I may lead all my people to Christ."

The teacher in this school is a woman with a remarkably clear Christian experience, a woman "apt to teach" and a lovely mother. I am glad her youngest child is with her in school. The women get many helpful lessons in simply watching the teacher care for her baby. She has to leave her husband and three children to come to us, but says, "I want to work for my Lord," and surely He knows the heart-aches it cost her to leave her loved ones for His cause.

I believe the solution of the problem, "How to make our people intelligent Christians" is to be met largely through the introduction of the Romanized, but I hope no one will be led to think that this system will in any way interfere with our schools where the Chinese character is taught.

I ask that the friends who support this department of work, and all who are interested in China's women, will pray very specially for this new school.

Respectfully submitted,
Willma H. Rouse.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

I am very glad to note advancement in the work this year. The Lord has been with us in guidance and blessing. Glory be to his name!

THE WOMANS SCHOOL.

The women received into our school this year have been free for study and work, having no children with them to attract their attention or demand their care. What at first was thought by some to be impossible, "a woman's school without babies" has by the power and grace of God become a reality. Also what some very wise people have thought could never be in China has been demonstrated and is a blessing to us all. That is, the women have learned to study quietly while in school.

The teacher who is a staid Chinese scholar remarked in my hearing the other day, he did not think of this as being possible sometime ago but now he reads quietly and takes in the meaning of what he reads. They like it because they see it helps them. Praise the Lord for this! We have a good school; the women study well and are willing workers. They realize that it is God's love and grace that has given them this opportunity and that it is their duty as well as privilege to work for God. If you had heard them pray last Wednesday evening about $52 that the messenger had lost, you would think they realized that what they are receiving is from the Lord. I especially requested only those to come to my room who believed the Lord hears and answers their prayers. I was surprised to see them about all come and how it helped me to hear the prayers that ascended to God. I am sure God heard. The Saturday evening class meeting, composed of the school and household, and the Thursday evening prayer service, both of which I conduct when at home, are means of grace to our souls. We have a good Epworth League. The services, which are conducted by different members of the League, are held in our Womans school every Sunday evening. We follow the Epworth League program. I wish you might see the people give when we take up a collection. The Chinese have very warm liberal hearts. God bless them.

The women who have been in school some time, go out two by two into the homes on Saturday afternoon to tell others about Jesus and his willingness to save. The new women spend one hour at this time in learning the Sunday school lesson. We have established a Gospel meeting on Tuesday afternoon of each week in the tiang-dong (court) of a large house in which many families live. It was from preaching in this same tiang-dong that a family heard the story of Jesus. The aged father believed and during our visits in his home, which formed a part of this extended house, he gave repeated evidence of his faith in God. A few months after he was taken sick and in a short

time his soul went home to God. He never forgot to thank God and us for bringing him the message of salvation. He persuaded his family to listen to our teaching and asked them to give him a Christian burial.

Some of the women from our school go out in time to remind the women in the neighboring houses of the meeting. My teacher and I conduct the service in which the Christian women are free to take some part. This I believe is the beginning of a great work along this line. There are other homes where we have preached where I believe the people would be glad to have us hold Gospel meetings regularly.

I have organized a class composed of the most advanced women in the woman's school for the purpose of developing a knowledge of the Bible and practical application of its truths. We have taken ten of the leading parables and are studying some of the miracles in preparation for deeper Bible study. We also assemble on Sunday afternoon for an hours Bible reading together. Last term we finished reading the Book of Genesis and have just finished Daniel. I notice the women use these Scripture lessons in their work. I may add here that I have praised the Lord often in witnessing the manifestation of his power in the use of our Chinese women as preachers of the Gospel. From my experience, the women who have ability, and they are not so scarce, equal or excel the young men of this land who have had equal privileges. For the weaker the instrument, the more abundantly may God manifest his power and thus bring glory to his name.

Bible Women.

We have missed during the year two of our Bible women who have gone to other districts to be with their families. The others have continued their work from house to house telling the women about the true Savior and encouraging them to come to church. Their faith and bright faces do me good and they must delights in the homes of their less favored sisters. We have had with us during this year Hu Li

Sai, a Ku-cheng Bible woman who was with my sister at Nanking a few years. She has gone with me on evangelistic trips and the crowds that gather to see and hear have listened attentively to the preaching of God's word. I have been pleased to have her go to different preaching stations where there is no Bible woman to stay for a time and tell the women about Jesus. They wanted a Bible woman so much at Sek-ek-du, where she is now working, that one of the Christians invited her to live in their home, supplying a room and necessary comforts. We hear good news from the work there and praise the Lord for his work among the women during the past year.

Day Schools.

We have added to our ranks duing the past year four new teachers. These with one new teacher of last year gives five teachers from our womans school and together with two of our pastors' wives, who have been teaching for some time, form our corps of teachers at present. There are also some girls attending boys schools, where there are not enough who wish to study to authorize our having a girls school. Seven girls schools where there ought to be 100,000 girls in school is a fact that ought to cause us to rend our hearts and fall on our faces before God in prayer. The Chinese are awaking to this fact and have asked for a girls boarding school for Ming-chiang to which we look forward and ask your help. This will be a stimulus to the girls and to our day schools. The teachers of our girls school are also a great help among the women living near the schools.

I thank God also for giving me a new helper this term. One who is qualified by education and has energy and the love of Jesus. She is a great blessing because of the many ways in which she helps, in this great work.

I asked the Lord to help me write this report and he gave me I. Chron. 12: 22. "For at that time, day by day there came to David to

help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God." Pray that this promise may be fulfilled in raising up native workers in Ming-chiang. At this time day by day may they come to help until there is a great host, like the host of God ready, armed for the war, that these dear people, purchased by the blood of Jesus, may be taken for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Peters.

Ming-chiang District Medical Work.

MARY E. CARLETON, M. D., PHYSICIAN-IN-CHARGE.

Receiving my appointment for Ming-chiang, at the close of conference I departed at once for that district.

Could all our friends have seen the joy and gratitude of the people when they realized that regular medical work was established among them, they would rejoice with me that this year we have been able to extend our work to that most needy district.

The presiding elder and preachers further expressed their gratification by presenting me with a beautiful ba-beng, which is a large lacquered board, bearing in raised character words expressive of their esteem. In presenting it the presiding elder dressed in an official's clothing and the preachers in their best, preceded the board, carried in a chair by two lusty fellows. The entire procession headed by a Chinese band marched through several streets that all the village might see the honor they intended to confer upon me.

There has been a steady growth of confidence and support from the heathen throughout the district.

Having no hospital I was obliged to use one of the rooms of the Chinese home in which I lived, as a ward. This limited accommo-

dation coupled with the fact that I had only a small stock of drugs, few instruments, and no trained assistants necessarily crippled my work. This we hope may not be the case another year.

I had intended to begin my work by an extended trip throughout the district, but owing to the chair coolies boycotting Miss Peters and me, hoping in view of increased demand for their labor to establish exhorbitant rates, I could get no chairs for my Bible woman or assistant. This matter was not settled until after China New Year, when the long, dull and exceptionally rainy season set in preventing any thought of itinerating until early in the spring. During this time I confined myself to work at Lek-du and the immediate neighborhood. The dispensary there has been well attended from the beginning.

As soon as the weather permitted, itinerating began. However the work at Lek-du prevented my giving more than three or four days each week to this.

Thus every chapel and preaching place on the district with the exception of two were visited once, while some places were visited several times.

I was able to make one long extended trip covering ten days, reaching chapels where neither missionary nor presiding elder had ever before visited.

We did not confine our work to villages where there were Christians but dispensed at several heathen villages. The spirit of these villages is shown in the following incident. During the trip above referred to a Christian teacher, whose wife I had attended, knowing I must stop a night in a heathen village, hostile to foreigners and Christianity, gave me a letter of introduction to a relatve of his, a very rich man living in an enormously large house, hoping he would entertain us the short time we must be in the place. On presenting the letter and waiting much over an hour in my chair, he sent me this word," We are too rich to receive travellers," their meaning being, we will not receive you as guest

and our position is such we cannot turn our house into a hotel. So we were obliged to go to an inn, the horrors of which must be experienced to be appreciated.

This circumstance was not indicative of the feeling of the villagers, who upon hearing who I was and how treated, sent an invitation which followed me for over a week inviting me to return and dispense medicine, promising me a good house and every protection in preaching the gospel This I gladly accepted, and received every kindness, and what was better our host becoming greatly interested in the truth gave his name as an inquirer. Thus we left the village no longer opposed to foreigners as such, but having heard the true doctrine, the words of which appealed to them the more strongly with the illustration before them that those following it wished to benefit mankind materially as well as spiritually.

In all these trips I have been accompanied by my Bible woman and a student. We have made it our practice to hold religious service before dispensing, and prayer meetings in the evening when feasable, also as opportunity presented doing some house to house visiting. Crowds of women have gladly attended these services, presided over as they were by a woman and teaching given in such language as they could understand. The preachers all say that these services have been of the greatest benefit to the women, it being almost impossible to get them to church, custom prohibiting them from going should the preacher be unmarried, or if married, if his wife should not accompany him to his charge as is the case in many places. This would be largely obviated could we place old Bible women in these villages, but having so few, it is as impossible for them to compass the work.

I have already referred to the limited accommodations, consisting of one room with earthen floor, poorly ventilated and uncomfortable, we could by crowding, only arrange for five beds; yet this primitive ward was filled eight or ten times, several times overflowing into our neighbor's house. Had we more room we could have received more.

Men and boys would insist upon coming; finding places for themselves in the neighborhood where they could come daily to the dispensary.

The medical work we trust has been a convenience to the various mission students in connection with Lek-du. There has been but little sickness in the Womans school. Those who from time to time have needed attention have come freely to the dispensary and when not able to do so we have visited them personally at this school. It has been a pleasure to co-operate with Miss Peters in this or in any other way as fellow-worker. The students from the boys school have also been to me for some attention.

One word must follow in reference to our native helpers. I have had many applications from those wishing to become my students. One was received a year a ago, the second is supported by the Carleton Society at Lima, N. Y.

One is most anxious I should receive his daughter as a third student, even offering to defray her expenses himself rather than lose the opportunity, though they are not able to meet this expense I am very sure. I should be exceedingly glad to receive her as she is an unusually bright girl. The students are of course at present very raw material but I would ask prayer for them that they may develop into capable Christian workers.

My dear old matron, Bible woman and general factotum, Mo Huo Mu, supported in the Baltimore Branch, has been true to God and her work, not thinking of herself, but of how much she can do, knowing the time is short. We feel sure many will rejoice with us another glad day, who have heard from her lips the truth as they waited for their turn at the dispensary, or on a bed of pain at the hospital. My report of this year's work should close with reference to what might be called a side effort rather than distinct medical work. The Hospital has been a new centre of light and life to Lek-du apart from its purely philanthropic work. We have in connection with our work a weekly prayer-meeting in

the house adjoining ours. Sunday A. M. we attend church and Sunday-school at the chapel and in the evening join the Epworth League which meets at the womans school. Any patients who are able also go in with us. It has been a great pleasure to enter thus into the work of the church, feeling that here the little we can do is greatly needed and appreciated.

A great need is pressing upon us, i. e. the need of the hospital having a free bed for each township where we have chapels. Do not say it is a backward step to talk of free beds at this late date. I am convinced from my knowledge of the people that this is a necessity. My idea is to have these beds reserved for needy Christians or other needy women recommended to me by the pastor of the place from which they come. There are many who are too poor to support their friends while in the hospital or to spare their labor and at the same time pay for their food. This is especially true in the cases of those who must remain a long time if they hope for permanent cure. I cannot expect these chapels to support such beds, yet I have just heard the Christians on the district mean to take up a collection towards the support of my work, so great is the delight in and appreciation of it. I have a plan whereby partial self-support may be obtained at the hospital.

In answer to an article on the need of industrial work among our people, friends have furnished me with two knitting machines and quantities of yarn both for machine use and hand work. These I trust may be brought into successful use by those patients able to do light work, the result of their work not only being salable at the time they are with us but also putting into their hands means of livelihood after they have left us. I have a woman who can devote half her time to teaching this work. The articles made will, I think, be in increasing demand among the Chinese. I trust this new department may become a means of true blessing.

During the summer, though spent at Ku-liang, we daily saw patients

and began to feel that some of the natives were old friends, having prescribed for them for seven or eight summers. It is always a pleasure to prescribe for the missionaries and other foreigners who spend the hot months there. This year our privileges in that line were somewhat increased.

We returned to Ming-chiang early in September in time for our district conference. We felt very humble and grateful when we heard the words of commendation the medical work received from the members of that Christian body. One said that in every circuit where we had worked many had become Christians directly as the result of our work and had come into the church. The district conference passed a unanimous resolution to ask the Society to build a hospital for me in their district.

We have dispensed in thirty-four different places and in several places two or three different times.

Dispensary Patients	3891
Prescriptions given to these	5554
Visits made	190
Prescriptions given to these	570
Patients in the Hospital	48
Relatives of the patients	30

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E Carleton.

REPORT OF DR. CARLETON'S ASSISTANT.

I am very glad that during the year 1897 I entered the Woman's Hospital at Ming-chiang as a student. It gives me great pleasure to record the work of this year. Thanks be to God that this year Bishop Joyce appointed Dr. Carleton to open a Womans Hospital in our

Ming-chiang district.

We have visited the churches on each circuit and other places once a week dispensing medicine and many patients came to us. Many women and children have listened as we have told them of Jesus. We have a Bible woman who has gone about with us and who by her teaching of the Bible has aroused, exhorted, and led people to Christ.

One of the students has helped in dispensing medicines and helped the patients in many ways. Whenever we visit a place, we first hold a meeting with the people who have come together. After this we hold our clinic.

As to the work in the hospital, I will say we have an average of ten in-patients. We have prepared the rooms with bedding, chairs and tables and have a woman hired to do the cooking. Our Bible woman has held meetings in the sick rooms every day and she has preached and comforted the patients with the Truth.

Our clinics, held at the Hospital, have been very full and the gospel has been preached to all who have been present.

We have a teacher giving instruction to three medical students, in medicine and also in the Bible truths. Every afternoon at one o'clock he expounds the Scriptures and tells the sick people the way of salvation.

All these good plans which I have mentioned have been thought of and put into execution by our doctor who has obeyed our Lord's command, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Certainly these words are in her heart and have been manifested in her life, for her many zealous and painfully laborious work has moved many hearts among the people of Ming-chiang.

Therefore, from the opening of the hospital many souls have been won to Christ and church members and probationers have been strengthened and many are asking to come into the church.

This year the churches throughout the Ming-chiang district are in a

much more flourishing condition than last year. The only thing I am anxious about is lest our doctor should become tired out going abroad so much to distribute medicines and work for the Master. I hope that all our dear Christian women will pray for her. Several years after my conversion I encountered persecution in my family and I wandered away and became a lost sheep. I was very miserable. Fortunately a passage of the Bible came to my mind: James 5. 13, "If any among you is afflicted let him pray." Therefore I began to pray and prayed constantly to God.

Now I truly thank God that he has called me to work in Dr. Carleton's Hospital. This makes me think of another passage in the Bible, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." These words have truly been fulfilled in my case. This year I have accompanied Dr. Carleton once every week, going out to preach to the sick people. Other days I have studied the Bible and medical books.

I hope you will all pray for me that my faith and virtue may be like Paul's when he was moved by the Holy Ghost.

I hope you will pray that I may be like the wise virgins who had their lamps trimmed and oil in their lamps and were prepared to receive the bridegroom; and also that I may be like the faithful servants who improved their Lord's talents.

Then I may become a light on a candlestick which will shine for many people. Then I may be like the salt of the earth which our Savior said was good. I trust I may do the Lord's work and glorify our Heavenly Father to the end of my life. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Sang Muoi.

II. W. F. M. S. APPOINTMENTS.

Foochow District.

Girl's Boarding School, Day Schools and Mary E. Crook Orphange:—Julia Bonafield, Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Training School, Bible Women and Hospital Evangelistic Work:—Carrie I. Jewell.

Woman's and Children's Hospital:—Dr. Ellen M. Lyon, Dr. Hu King Eng.

Woolston Memorial Hospital:—Dr. L. M. Masters.

Woman's Work:— Mrs. N. J. Plumb, Mrs. J. H. Worley, Mrs. M. C. Wilcox, Mrs. G. S. Miner, Mrs. J. Simester.

Ming-Chiang District.

Training School, Day School and Bible Women:—Miss Mary Peters.

Medical Work:—Dr. M. E. Carleton.

Hok-Chiang District.

Boarding School, Training School, Day Schools and Bible Women:—Miss Lydia A. Trimble, Miss Mable Allen.

Hai-Tang District.

Training School, Day Schools and Bible Women:—Miss Lydia A. Trimble, Miss Mable Allen.

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Ku-Cheng District.

Boarding School and City Evangelistic Work—West District:—Miss Willma H. Rouse.

Training School and Day Schools—East and North District:—Miss Mabel C. Hartford.

Romanized School, Bible Women and Evangelistic Work:—Miss Allie Linam.

Woman's Work:—Mrs. W. A. Main, Mrs. J. E. Skinner, M. D.

Iong-Bing District.

Training School and Day Schools:—Miss Mabel C. Hartford.

Bible Women and Evangelistic Work:—Miss Allie Linam.

Treasurer:—Mrs. Alice H. Smyth.

Business Agent:—Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy.

III. STATISTICAL TABLES.

Alice H. Smyth, Statistical Secretary.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Workers	12
Wives of Missionaries in charge of Work	1

Property.

Foochow Girls' Boarding School and Residence	$14,000
Woman's School and Residence	4,500
Two Hospitals and Residence	11,100
Foochow Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage	3,100
Hok-chiang Girls' School	4,500
Total value	$37,200

Membership.

Total number of church members in Conference	3,966
Total number of probationers in Conference	3,790
Total number of baptisms during the year	1,267
Foochow Orphanages	1
Number of Foundlings	33

Districts.	Girls' Boarding Schools.								Day Schools.		
	Boarding Schools.	Total Enrollment.	No. of Boarding Pupils.	No. of Day Pupils.	No. of partially supported Pupils.	No. of Native Teachers.	No. of Christian Pupils.	Receipts and Tuitions.	No. of Day Schools.	Enrollment.	No. of Teachers.
Foochow ...	1	133	115	18	110	9	115	$105.49	8	160	8
Hai-tang ...	....	....	...	....	. ..		....	.. ...	7	76	7
Hok-chiang ..	1	51	31	....	31	3	29	6.60	15	158	15
Iong-bing	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	2	30	2
Ku-cheng	1	60	60	...	60	3	60	90,00	18	315	18
Ming-chiang..	...	....	....	....	....	...	....	.. ...	7	85	7
Totals for 1897	3	224	206	18	201	15	204	$202.09	57	824	57
,, ,, 1896	3	194	177	17	177	11	158	142.00	58	928	58
Increase.	....	30	29	1	24	4	46	$60.09	...	....	....

Woman's Schools.					Bible Women.					Romanized School.			
No. of Bible Training Schools.	Enrollment.	No. of Self-supporting Pupils.	No. of partially supported Pupils.	No. of Native Teachers.	No. of Bible Women.	No. of visits made.	No. of Prayer Meetings held.	No. of women taught regularly.	Total number of hearers.	Romanized Woman's School.	Enrollment.	No. of Teachers.	Books Read.
1	28	2	21	2	11	1460	547	255	12,690	....	....	....	...
1	12	...	12	1	2	.....	...	....	.....	....	....	....	....
1	24	....	24	2	5	576	197	....	.....	....	....	....	....
1	12	....	12	1	1	160	20	8	1,600	....	....	....	...
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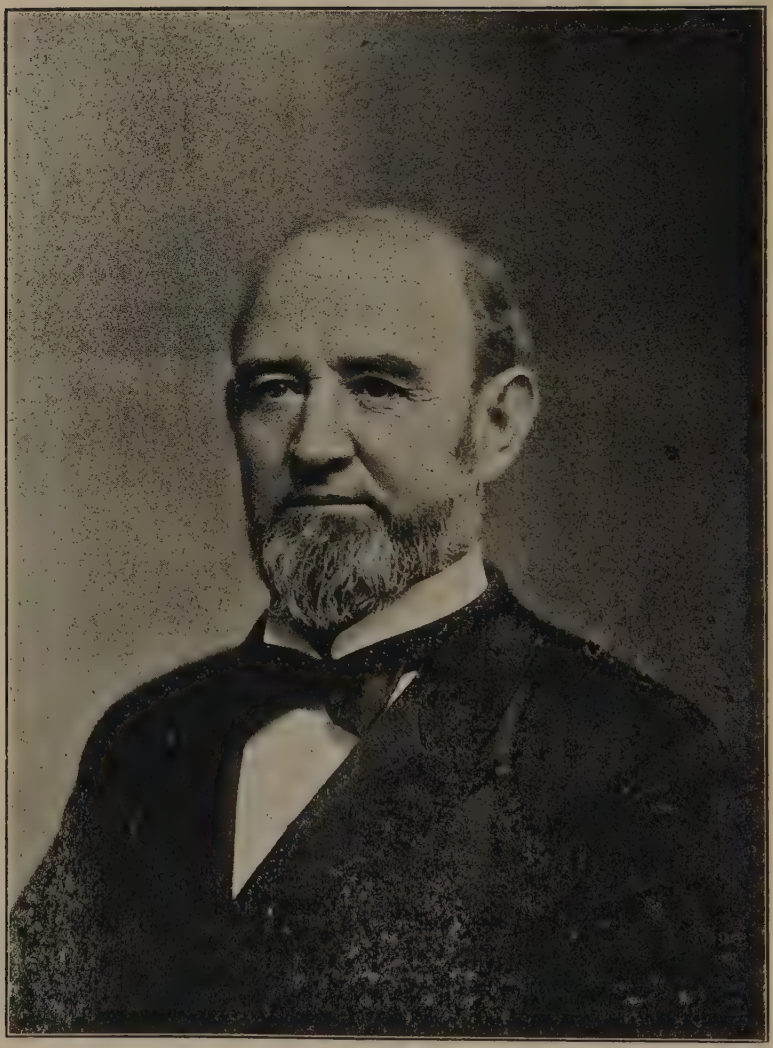
6	124	3	121	9	36	15,902	1,473	1,023	58,036	1	34	2	5
5	92	0	91	8	27	6,703	795	310	47,694	0	0	0	0
1	32	3	30	1	9	9,199	678	713	10,342	1	34	2	5

Medical Work.	Number of patients in wards.	Number patients seen at the dispensaries.	Number patients seen in their homes.	Total number patients seen.	Total number prescriptions filled.	Number of dispensaries.	Number of Native Assistants.	Number of medical students.	Number of Bible Women.	Number Baptized.	Receipts
Foochow City Hospital.	484	3347	931	4762	5857	1	2	...	1	29	$428.56
Liang-au Hospital	1111	9725	985	11821	12937	1	1	9	2	50	703.31
Ming-chiang.	48	3891	190	4129	6260	...	....	2	1	....	48.40
Total for 1897.	1643	16963	2106	20712	25054	2	3	11	4	79	$1180.27
„ „ 1896.	789	12543	2316	15755	23021	10	2	9	4	14	1041.84
Increase.	854	4420	....	4957	2033	..	1	2	..	65	$138.43



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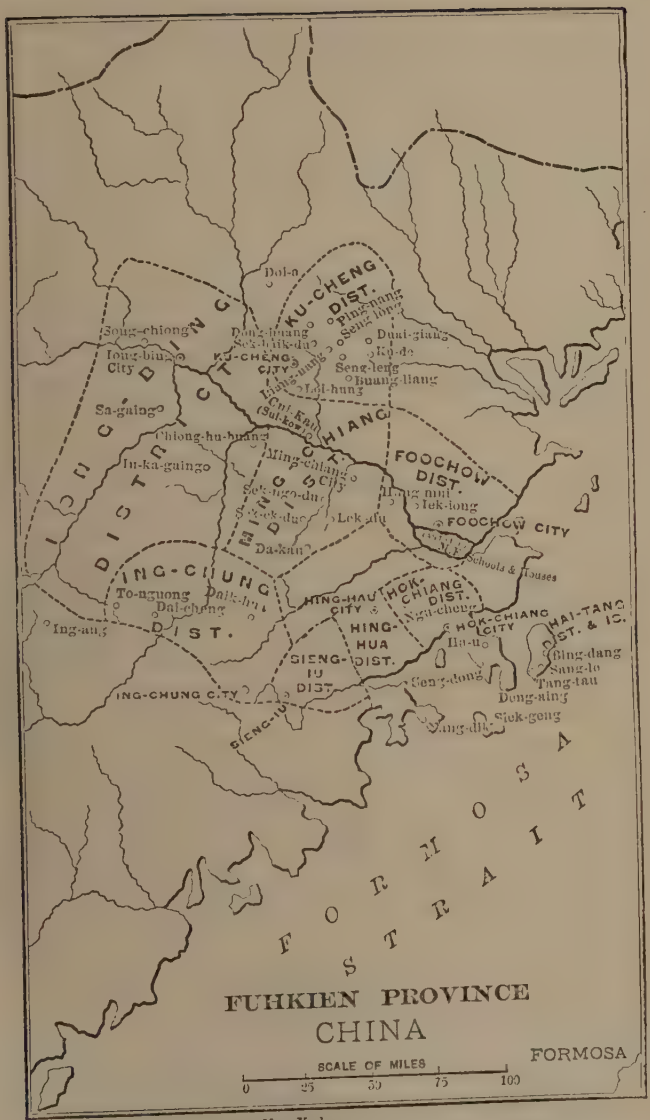

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I. CONFERENCE PROGRAM.

Monday, October 31st.

7.00 P. M. Revival Sermon by Rev. Ding Hieng Ngieu.

Tuesday, November 1st.

7.00 P. M. Revival Sermon by Rev. Tiang Nguk Ceu.

Wednesday, November 2nd.

2.30 P. M. Address by Rev. G. B. Smyth, D. D., subject "Preaching", followed by a Praise Service.

7.00 P. M. Conference Sermon by Rev. J. Simester.

Thursday, November 3rd.

2.30 P. M. Address by Rev. G. B. Smyth, D. D., subject "Preaching", followed by a Praise Service.

7.00 P. M. Report of the Semi-Jubilee in Japan, by Rev Huong Pau Seng.

Friday, November 4th.

2.30 P. M. Address by Rev. G. B. Smyth, D. D., subject "Pastoral Work", followed by a Praise Service.

7.00 P. M. Missionary Sermon by Rev. Ciong Hok Cu.

Saturday, November 5th.

7.00 P. M. Memorial Service.

Sunday, November 6th.

9.00 A. M. Love Feast led by Rev. M. C. Wilcox, Ph. D.

10.30 A. M. Sermon by Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D.

3.00 P. M. Ordination Service.

7.00 P. M. Epworth League Temperance Rally, Mr. Go Tieng Seu Chairman. Singing No. 104 Hymnal. Prayer Rev. Ding Siu Kung. Singing No. 17 Jubilee Collection. Scripture Recitation, High School Pupils. Singing, "Steadily Onward" Missionary children. Address Rev. Hu Caik Hang. Singing, Junior Epworth League. Address Rev. Uong De Gi. Singing, Anglo-Chinese College Choir. Benediction, Rev. Ngoi Gi Lang.

Monday, November 7th.

2.30 P. M. Address by Rev G. B. Smyth, D. D., subject "The Lord's Supper", followed by a Praise Service.

7.00 P. M. Woman's Work, Rev. W. H. Lacy Chairman. Addresses, Revs. Ding Ung Tiu and U Sieu E.

Tuesday, November 8th.

2.30 P. M. Praise Service.

7.00 P. M. Consecration and Farewell Meeting. Rev. N. J. Plumb.

II. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS.

President. Bishop Earl Cranston.

Secretaries.

English: N. J. Plumb; James. Simester, Ass't.

Chinese: Ciong Hok Cu; Ding Deng Dieu, Ass't.

Statistical: W. A. Main; Diong Giu Hua, Ass't.

Treasurer. William H. Lacy.

Interpreter. J. H. Worley.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Education.—W. H. Lacy, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Sie Seng Cang, Ho Dieu Iu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Diong Giu Hua, Ding Iok Nguong.

2. Conference Relations.—N. J. Plumb, M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Worley, W. A. Main, Hu Caik Hang, Ding Dai Liong, Ling Mi Ing, Ding Iok Nguong.

3. Religious Literature.—J. Simester, Ciong Hok Cu, U Sieu E, Diong Giu Hua, Ding Ceng Seng, Uong Huong Sing.

4. Sabbath Observance and Sabbath Schools.—J. H. Worley, Ding Deng Dieu, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Siu Kung, Ung Seng Chuang.

5. Self Support.—G. S. Miner, W. H. Lacy, Li Guong Siu, Tiang Nguk Ceu, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Giu U.

6. Temperance.—G. S. Miner, Ling Ui Sieng, U Sieu Ling.

7. Epworth League.—W. A. Main, Hu Caik Hang, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Uong De Gi.

8. Fraternal Delegates and Resolutions.—J. Simester, Uong De Gi, Dang Seng Ling, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Bo Cing.

9. Conference Stewards.—M. C. Wilcox, Ding Deng Dieu, Cung Daik Ming, Huong Pau Seng, Lau Guang Hung, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Siu Kung, U Sieu E.

10. Memoirs.—N. J. Plumb, Iek Ing Guang, Ling Ui Sieng, Diong Giu Hua.

11. To Nominate Standing Committees.—The Presiding Elders.

III. CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

First Day, Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, 1898.

Opening.—The Twenty-second Session of the Foochow Conference convened in Tieng Ang Dong, Foochow at 8.30 A. M.

Bishop Earl Cranston presided and called upon N. J. Plumb to conduct the opening religious exercises, which consisted of singing, prayer and the reading of the 17th Chapter of John. The Bishop, assisted by M. C. Wilcox and the Presiding Elders, then administered the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop addressed the conference concerning his visit to the Missions in China and referred to the great hardships of the beginnings of the church in all ages and expressed a hearty smypathy for the workers in China born of his own experience as a Methodist preacher. He also spoke of the rapid spread of Methodism in the world as an encouragement to workers here and said that as this work was all of God it must have his presence and blessing to insure any success.

Roll Call.—The roll of the conference was then called by last year's secretary.

Election of Officers.—The officers were then elected as follows:

English Secretary	N. J. Plumb.
Assistant ,,	J. Simester.
Chinese Secretary	Ciong Hok Cu.
Statistical Secretary	W. A. Main.
Assistant ,,	Diong Giu Hua.
Treasurer	W. H. Lacy.
Interpreter	J. H. Worley.

Standing Committees.—The following committees were then elected:—

1. Education.—W. H. Lacy, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Sie Seng Cang, Ho Dieu Iu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Diong Giu Hua, Ding Iok Nguong.

2. Conference Relations.—N. J. Plumb, M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Worley, W. A. Main, Hu Caik Hang, Ding Dai Liong, Ling Mi Ing, Ding Iok Nguong.

3. Religious Literature.—J. Simester, Ciong Hok Cu, U Sieu E, Diong Giu Hua, Ding Ceng Seng, Uong Huong Sing.

4. Sabbath Observance and Sabbath Schools.—J. H. Worley, Ding Deng Dieu, Ding Ung Tiu, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Siu Kung, Ung Seng Chuang.

5. Self Support.—G. S. Miner, W. H. Lacy, Li Guong Siu, Tiang Nguk Ceu, Ling Mi Ing, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Giu U.

6. Temperance.—G. S. Miner, Ling Ui Sieng, U Sieu Ling.

7. Epworth League.—W. A. Main, Hu Caik Hang, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Uong De Gi.

8. Fraternal Delegates and Resolutions.—J. Simester, Uong De Gi, Dang Seng Ling, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Bo Cing.

9. Conference Stewards.—M. C. Wilcox, Ding Deng Dieu, Cung Daik Ming, Huong Pau Seng, Lau Guang Hung, Ceng Ung Uong, Ding Siu Kung, U Sieu E.

10. Memoirs.—N. J. Plumb, Iek Ing Guang, Ling Ui Sieng, Diong Giu Hua.

11. To Nominate Standing Committees.—The Presiding Elders.

Hours and Bar.—The hours of the session were fixed at from 8.30 to 12 each forenoon, the first half hour being devoted to a prayer service. The Bar was fixed at the first pillar from the rostrum.

Book Concern Dividend.—The Bishop then stated that the Book Concern Dividend to this conference amounted to $295. gold and on motion of J. H. Worley a draft was ordered for this amount made payable to the chairman of the Board of Conference Stewards.

Bishop's Support.—The amount of $23 gold was stated to be the amount apportioned to be raised by this conference.

Constitutional Change.—The Bishop presented the Rock River Conference proposition in regard to equality of lay and ministerial representation in the General Conference, and briefly explained the reasons for a vote being taken on this subject, and on motion of M. C. Wilcox 10 o'clock on Monday the 7th was fixed for the vote.

The Thirteenth Question.—*Was the character of each preacher examined?* was taken up. The name of J. H. Worley, presiding elder of the Foochow district, was called, his character passed and he represented his district.

The names of the following effective elders were called and those in charge of circuits reported their missionary collections and the number of baptisms. Sie Seng Cang, Ding Deng Dieu, Uong De Gi, Uong Huong Sing, N. J. Plumb, Hu Caik Hang, G. B. Smyth, G. S. Miner, W. H. Lacy.

The name of Huong Pau Seng, presiding elder of the Hok-chiang district, was called his character passed and he reported his work.

The following effective elders reported their collections and their characters were passed. U Sieu Ling (not present), Ding Hieng Ngieu, Huong Daik Chiong (not present), Ung Sing Chuang, Ling Mi Ing, M. C. Wilcox, Chiong Daik Liong.

The name of Dang Seng Ling, presiding elder of Iong-bing district, was called, his character passed and he reported his work.

The effective elders of the district were W. A. Main, Ding Giu U, Diong Seuk Buo (not present); they reported their collections and their characters were passed.

The name of Iek Ing Guang, presiding elder of the Ku-cheng district, was called his character was passed and he represented his district.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, on motion of J. H. Worley the time was extended for the completion of this item.

The names of the following effective elders were called; they reported their collections and their characters were passed. Tiang Nguk Ceu, Ling Ui Sieng, Ding Siu Kung, Ling Seu Ing, Ding Bo Cing, Tiang Nguk Chiu, Ding Dai Liong, Diong Ming Dung, Tiang Siong Hui.

At this point Rev. S. L. Gracey D. D., U. S. Consul, was introduced to the conference. On motion of Ciong Hok Cu it was decided to meet in the Anglo Chinese-College chapel for the next session owing to the damp condition of the church.

Ung Seng Chuang was appointed to conduct the religious services tomorrow morning.

After the usual notices of committee meetings, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

Second Day, Thursday, Nov. 3rd.

Opening.—The Conference assembled in the Anglo-Chinese College Chapel at 8.30 A. M. The religious exercises were conducted by Ung Seng Chuang. Bishop Cranston took the chair at 9 o'clock and the minutes of the previous session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

Presiding Elders' Reports.—On motion of N. J. Plumb the missionaries in charge of districts were instructed to translate the native presiding elders' reports and prepare them for publication in the Conference Minutes.

General Conference Expenses.—On motion of J. H. Worley the sum of $20. gold was ordered to be apportioned among the presiding elders and collected for the expenses of General Conference Delegates.

The Thirteenth Question was taken up.

The name of Ding Ung Tiu, presiding elder of the Ming-chiang district was called, his character passed and he read his report.

The following effective elders reported their collections and their characters were passed: Ding Iok Nguong, Lau Guang Hung, Li Guong Siu.

The name of Ngoi Gi Lang, presiding elder of the Hai-tang district was called, his character passed and he reported his work.

Ceng Ung Uong was unable to attend conference; his character was passed and an interesting letter from him was read explaining the cause of his absence. U Sieu E reported his work and his character was passed.

Lay Delegates to Central Conference.—N. J. Plumb reported in behalf of the committee appointed by last conference to prepare a plan for the election of lay delegates to the Central Conference to be held in Shanghai in 1899.

After some discussion the report was recommitted to be reported on for future action.

Conference Relations Committee.—On motion of N. J. Plumb the various classes of preachers on trial, candidates for admission etc, were instructed to present themselves to the Committee on Conference Relations for the consideration of their cases.

The Ninth Question.—The following persons in studies of the third year having passed their examinations were passed in character and advanced to the studies of the fourth year: Siek Gi Ciong, Ling Dieu Daik, Ung Uong Cui, Li Ko Dung, Li Gi Chiong. Uong Hung Ngung, not having passed his examinations, remained in the studies of the fourth year. When the names of

Tsu Tsing Cheu, Wu Teh Yuen, Tieng Yu Ming, members of the Central China Mission were called, on motion it was ordered that they be advanced in their classes on condition that they pass their examinations (see Journal Addenda). Co Kong Ching, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Be Dak, hvaing been examined and passed in their studies, were passed to the fourth year. Ho Dieu Iu not having passed remains in the studies of the third year.

Candidates for Admission.—At this point the case of Ding Do Mi, and Li Sie Soi, who had been prevented by a storm from reaching here in time for the examinations, was brought up and after some discussion the committee on examination was requested to examine them.

The Eleventh Question.—The districts were called for candidates for local orders, and the following names were presented and referred to the committee on Conference Relations. Ku-cheng district, Uong Chie Li, Ding Hiong Mi, Ling Seng Nguk; Ming-chiang, Lau Seu Ming.

The Twenty-third Question.—Iek Ing Guang, requested a superannuate relation and his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The Fifteenth Question, *Who have died?* was called. Hu Sing Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Dieu Gek were noted as deceased.

Questions Called.—The 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd questions were called with a negative response to each.

The Thirtieth Question was taken up, and Ku-cheng and Foochow presented petitions for the next Conference. Some dis-

cussion arose over these nominations and the vote finally taken showed a large majority in favor of Ku-cheng.

Assistant Chinese Secretary.—Ciong Hok Cu requested the appointment of Ding Deng Dieu as assistant secretary and the request was unanimously approved.

The Conference then adjourned by expiration of time and the benediction was pronounced by G. B. Smyth.

Third Day, Friday, Nov. 4th.

Devotional Exercises.—The Conference convened in Tieng Ang Dong, at the appointed hour. Li Ko Dung conducted the religious services.

Opening.—Bishop Cranston entered and took the chair at 9 o'clock. He called for the minutes of yesterday's session, which were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The Fifth Question.—*Who have been continued on trial?* was taken up. Ling Seu Uong was called, his character passed, and after making his report he was advanced to the studies of the second year. Iong Hie Ung was called, his character passed, and he was continued in the studies of the second year. The name of Hung Do Nguong was called and his character passed. He reported his work and was continued in the studies of the first year.

Sia Tieng Ang, absent in United States engaged in study, remains in the studies of the first year. His character was passed.

The following names of brethren serving in the Central China Mission were called:—Wilbur F. Wilson, Lung Chen Tsai, Tsai Wen Yuen, Yek Hsio King, Li Yuen Shen, Chen Teng Yin, Arthur J. Bowen. It was ordered by unanimous vote of the conference that such of these brethren as shall be passed in their character and the required examinations at the Annual Meeting of said mission next month, shall be advanced in their studies. (see Journal Addenda.)

Conference Pledge.—W. H. Lacy, Hu Caik Hang, Ding Hieng Ngieu, and Ding Deng Dieu were appointed a committee to prepare a book in which to record the written answers to the Disciplinary questions of candidates seeking admission into the conference either on trial or in full membership. This committee was also authorized to prepare a pledge to be signed by such candidates and to report the same to the conference.

Question Seven.—*Who have been received into full membership?* was then called. The names of the following brethren serving in Central China Mission were called: Tai Ku Chen, Kiang Ming Chih, Chen Mei Fu, Ernest R. Jellison, Jesse F. Newman. In order that these brethren be not held back in their studies and their ordination thereby delayed, to the detriment of the work, on motion it was ordered by the unanimous vote of the conference:—

(1) That such of these brethren as may be passed in their character and in the required examinations at the Annual Meeting of said mission next month and shall be duly recommended thereto by vote of the mission, be advanced to the studies of the third

year, and upon answering the disciplinary questions in presence of the mission be admitted into full membership.

(2) That the members of this class who may thus be passed and admitted into full connection by virtue and in pursuance of this action, may then, upon recommendation of the Annual Meeting, be at once considered as elected to the order of Deacons by this conference, and the presiding bishop may, so far as the vote of this Annual Conference is concerned, proceed immediately with their ordination.

(3) That the secretary of this conference shall enter in our journal all the proceedings had under this order, as certified by the presiding bishop and secretary of the Annual Meeting of Central China Mission, prior to Jan. 1st, 1898. (see Journal Addenda.)

Question Nine.—*What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?* was resumed. The names of the following brethren serving in Central China Mission were called: Tsu Tsing Chen, Wu Teh Yuen, Tieng Yu Ming. On motion it was ordered by unanimous vote of the conference that such as shall be passed in their character and required examinations at the next Annual Meeting of the Central China Mission shall be advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

The committee to prepare a pledge to be signed by candidates for admission into the conference reported and the report was referred to the Cabinet for further consideration.

Question Ten.—*What Members have completed the Conference course of study?* was then called.

The names of Diong Giu Hua, and Cung Daik Ming were called, their characters passed and they made their reports. They having passed their examinations and being recommended by the committee on Conference Relations were elected to elder's orders.

Question Four.—*Who have been received on trial?* was resumed.

Ngu Go Sung and Go Die Sieng, having passed their examinations and being favorably reported by the committee on Conference Relations were upon the recommendation of their presiding elders received on trial in the conference.

N. J. Plumb presented his report as treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society. (See Reports.)

Question Eleven was called. *What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?* The names of Uong Cie Li was presented and, the committees on Examination and Conference Relations having reported favorably, he was elected to local deacon's orders.

Question Twenty-three was then called. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

A letter was read from Sia Heng To and his character was passed. The name of Hu Bo Mi was called, his character passed, and he addressed the conference. The name of Pang Ding Hie was called and his character passed.

On motion the publishing committee was requested to print a proper Directory in the Chinese Minutes.

On motion the time was extended.

Board of Examiners.—The number of members on the Board of Examiners was fixed at twenty.

On motion a committee was appointed to translate the disciplinary regulations of the Board of Examiners and have them printed in the Chinese Conference Minutes. The committee as appointed consists of G. B. Smyth, Uong De Gi, and Ciong Hok Cu.

The announcements were then made and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Hu Bo Mi.

Fourth Day, Saturday, Nov. 5th.

Morning Session.

Opening.—The conference met at the appointed hour, Ding Ung Tiu conducted the religious exercises. At 9 o'clock Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The Eleventh Question was called. On motion Kwang Wang Shun of the West China Mission was elected to Deacon's orders.

Fraternal Delegates to W. F. M. S.—N. J. Plumb moved that we send Fraternal Delegates to the Woman's Conference at their hour for receiving delegates on Monday afternoon. M. C. Wilcox and Iek Ing Guang were so appointed.

District Libraries.—The subject of Libraries for the different districts was brought up by G. B. Smyth, and on motion of M. C. Wilcox, G. B. Smyth, Ciong Hok Cu, Hu Caik Hang, Uong De Gi and Ding Dai Liong were appointed a committee to consider this subject.

The Reception of Delegates.—The hour having arrived for the reception of fraternal delegates the Rev. W. C. White and Rev. Mr. Diong of the Anglican Mission and Rev. W. L. Beard and Rev. Ding Long Go, of the American Board Mission, were introduced and addressed the Conference. Bishop Cranston and G. B. Smyth made appropriate responses.

Dr. S. L. Gracey, U. S. Consul, was introduced and addressed the conference, the Bishop adding a few remarks on the subject of the duties of Chinese Christians as subjects of China.

Mrs. Cranston was also introduced to the Conference.

Reports.—G. S. Miner presented his report on Boys' Day Schools, which was read and adopted. (see Reports.)

Ciong Hok Cu read the report of the committee on Epworth League and the part referring to the establishment of a paper was referred to the Central Conference for consideration. (see Reports.)

M. C. Wilcox read the report of the Conference Stewards which was adopted. (see Reports.)

Order of the Day.—On motion of Ciong Hok Cu the election of delegates to the Central Conference was ordered to take place immediately after the vote on change of constitution on Monday.

Anglo-Chinese College Report.—G. B. Smyth presented his report as president of the Anglo-Chinese College, but the hour for adjourment arrived before its completion. (see Reports.)

Extension of Time.—On motion the time was extended. The committee on Fraternal Delegates presented its report and it was adopted. (see Reports.)

Evening Session.—On motion it was decided to meet in evening session at 7 o'clock for the memorial services. The Bishop appointed Ciong Daik Liong to preside.

After some announcements made by the Bishop for the afternoon the conference adjourned by expiration of time. The Doxology was sung and Ding Ung Tiu pronounced the benediction.

Evening Session.

Memorial Services.—The Conference met at 7 o'clock for the memorial services. Ciong Daik Liong presided and conducted the opening exercises which consisted of singing, prayer and the reading of the 90 Psalm and 1. Cor. 15, 26-58.

Hu Sing Mi. Iek Ing Guang presented a paper on the life and character of Hu Sing Mi, and his many years of service in the cause of Christ; after which N. J. Plumb added a few remarks on his sickness and last hours. (see Memoirs.)

Ling Dieu Gek. Diong Giu Hua gave an address on the life and work of Ling Dieu Gek. (see Memoirs.)

Ling Heng Tung. After the singing of another hymn, Ling Ui Sieng spoke on the life, character and last days of Ling Heng Tung. (see Memoirs).

Adjournment.—The conference then adjourned with the Doxology. The benediction was pronounced by N. J. Plumb.

Fifth Day, Monday, Nov. 7th.

Morning Session.

Opening.—The conference convened at the usual hour. The Religious services were conducted by Ciong Daik Liong. At 9 o'clock W. H. Lacy took the chair and presided until the Bishop came in at 9.30.

Reports.—The Theological School Report was presented by N. J. Plumb. (see Reports.)

W. H. Lacy presented his report as Superintendent of the Mission Press which on motion was adopted. (see Reports.)

G. B. Smyth presented the report of the Foochow Boys' Boarding School. (see Reports.)

The report of the Ming-chiang Boys' Boarding School was read and adopted. (see Reports.)

Summer School for Teachers.—On motion of J. H. Worley the teachers of the Boys' Boarding Schools were ordered to attend the summer school for teachers which G. B. Smyth had arranged to open.

Reports.—The Ku-cheng Boys' Boarding School Report was read in Chinese and adopted. (see Reports.)

The Schell-Cooper Academy.—M. C. Wilcox made some remarks concerning the securing of the gift of $1000. gold for a building for the Ku-cheng school and in appreciation of the kindness of those generous donors, Rev. Edwin A. Schell, D. D. and

Willis W. Cooper, Esquire, the school was given the name of "The Schell-Cooper Academy."

Order of the Day.—The hour having arrived for voting on the proposition for equal lay and ministerial representation in the General Conference, on motion the order of the day was taken up. Bishop Cranston explained briefly the reason for this action, and the vote taken was 49 in favor and none against it.

Ordinations.—Bishop Cranston presented the following certficate of ordinations.

This certifics that on the 6th day of November 1898, at Foochow, China, I ordained to the office of DEACON in the Methodist Episcopal Church UONG CIE LI; and on the same day, assisted by other Elders, I ordained as ELDERS in the same church DIONG GIU HUA and CUNG DAIK MING.

EARL CRANSTON.

Done at Foochow, Nov. 7th, 1898.

Election of Delegates to Central Conference.—The number of delegates allowed from this conference being nine, it was decided

to elect three missionaries and six native preachers, and also that the nine receving a majority of the votes cast should be declared elected. On motion it was decided to elect by ballot and W. A. Main, J. Simester, U Sieu E, and Tiang Nguk Ceu were appointed tellers.

The first ballot was taken and while the tellers retired to count the vote other business was taken up.

Central Conference Lay Delegates.—N. J. Plumb presented the following report from the committee appointed last year to prepare a plan for the election of lay delegates to the Central Conference.

The Central Conference having by its constitution authorized this conference to arrange for the election of lay delegates in such way as it may think best, the committee recommend:

1. That the laymen may elect two-thirds as many delegates as this conference elects of minsterial delegates.

2. That these delegates shall be elected by the lay members of the District Conferences, or where no District Conference is held, by representatives elected by the Quarterly Conferences who shall meet at some convenient center for this purpose.

The above report was unanimously adopted.

W. F. M. S. Reports.—The hour appointed for the reception of the reports of the W. F. M. S. workers having arrived, on motion it was decided to request the ladies to prepare a summary of their reports for publication in our minutes.

Reports.—J. H. Worley presented the report of the committee on Sabbath Observance, which was read by the secretary and adopted. (see Reports.)

The report of the committee on Religious Literature was read and on motion adopted. (see Reports.)

W. H. Lacy presented his report as conference Treasurer, and it was adopted. (see Reports.)

Triers of Appeals.—On motion the Triers of Appeals for last year were reelected. (see Disciplinary Questions, No. 24.)

Conference Libraries.—Uong De Gi presented the report of the committee on libraries, which on motion was adopted. (see Reports.)

Church Finances.—A plan for church finances was proposed by Co Kong Ching and on motion a committee consiting of W. H. Lacy, Co Kong Ching and Ciong Hok Cu was appointed to consider the matter and report at next conference.

Reports.—The report of the committee on Education was read in Chinese by the secretary and with some changes was adopted. (see Reports.)

Conference Minutes.—On motion of J. H. Worley, N. J. Plumb, W. H. Lacy, J. Simester and Uong De Gi, were appointed a committee to edit and publish the Minutes.

Book Concern Dividend.—On motion M. C. Wilcox, chairman of Conference Stewards, was authorized to turn over to N. J. Plumb, Treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, the Book Concern Dividend amounting to $295 gold, to be disbursed to Conference Claimants.

Day Schools.—A paper presented by Ding Hieng Ngieu on the subject of day school teachers' pay, was on motion referred to the mission finance committee.

Tellers Reports.—The tellers having come in reported the result of the vote and J. H. Worley, M. C. Wilcox, G. B. Smyth, Uong De Gi and Ding Ung Tiu were declared elected. A second ballot was then ordered from the eight others having the highest number of votes. The vote was taken and the tellers again retired.

Reserve Delegates.—On motion of M. C. Wilcox it was decided that the three missionaries having the highest number of votes should be the Reserve Delegates and N. J Plumb, W. H. Lacy and W. A. Main were declared elected. On motion the time was extended.

Reports.—The report on Self Support was read by Li Guong Siu and after some changes it was adopted. (see Reports.)

The report on Temperence was read by Ling Ui Sieng, but was recommitted for amendment by the committee.

Second Ballot.—The tellers again reported and U Sieu E and Ciong Daik Liong were declared elected, and another ballot for two more was ordered from the four having the next highest number of votes.

Evening Session.—On motion it was decided to meet at 7 o'clock for an evening session.

Adjournment.—The Conference then adjourned by expiration of time. The benediction was pronounced by J. H. Worley.

Evening Session.

Opening.—The conference convened at 7.30. In the absence of the Bishop, J. H. Worley presided.

Conference Board.—The committee to translate the disciplinary regulations relating to the Board of Conference Examiners made its report.

Bishop Cranston here entered, took the chair, and read the names of the following seventeen members of the Board of Conference Examiners. Geo. B. Smyth, M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Worley, W. H. Lacy, G. S. Miner, W. A. Main, Uong De Gi, Ding Ung Tiu, Sie Sing Cang, Ding Siu Kung, Huong Pau Seng, U Sieu E, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Iok Nguong, Ding Deng Dieu, Tiang Nguk Ceu, Ngoi Gi Lang. Three others are to be appointed in Central China.

Conference Pledge.—The report of the Cabinet concerning the conference pledge was read and adopted. The following is the pledge:—

We the undersigned candidates for admission on trial in the Foochow Annual Conference, each for himself, hereby solemnly pledge ourselves, and covenant with the conference, that we will, in addition to keeping the moral requirments of the Ten Commandments and the New Testament, refrain from the use of wine and tobacco, and that we will have nothing whatever, either directly or indirectly, to do with the traffic in morphia. We do furthermore, each for himself, affirm that we are not in debt so as to embarras ourselves in the work of the ministry.

Resolutions.—The committee on resolutions here made its report.. (see Resolutions.)

On motion a committee was appointed to frame proper resolutions covering the first six points of the committee's report to report at the next Annual Conference. The committee as appointed consists of the pastors of Tieng-ang Dong, Sieu-liang Dong, Cing-sing Dong, Hok-ing Dong, and the Monitor of the Theological School.

Report on Education.—The report of the committee on Education was then adopted.

Introduction.—Ben H. Marsh, just arrived from America to teach Natural Science in the Anglo-Chinese College, was here introduced.

District Libraries.—G. B. Smyth, was elected chairman, and Uong De Gi secretary of the Library Committee.

Fraternal Letters.—The Interpreter here announced that fraternal letters had been received from Mrs. Sites and Rev. F. Ohlinger. N. J. Plumb and Hu Caik Hang were appointed to answer these letters.

Examining Committees.—The pastors of Sieu-liang Dong and Hok-ing Dong, and the presiding elder of the Ming-chiang district, were appointed a committee to visit the Theological School and examine the work done there.

On motion of G. B. Smyth, Uong De Gi, Hu Caik Hang, and Huong Pau Seng were appointed an Examining Committee of the Anglo-Chinese College, and their report was ordered printed in the Chinese Christian Advocate.

Missionary Sermon.—The Bishop appointed Uong De Gi to preach the Missionary Sermon, and U Sieu E as alternate.

Conference Sermon.—G. B. Smyth was elected to preach the Conference Sermon, and Ciong Daik Liong alternate.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical report was then read. On motion it was ordered that the report be returned to the Statistical Secretary to be corrected and then returned to the Conference Secretary.

The minutes of Friday's session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The minutes of Saturday's morning session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The minutes of Saturday's evening session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

Conference Relations.—The committee on Conference Relations reported on the case of Siek Gi Chiong and recommended that he be requested to locate. The report was not accepted.

The committee reported the case of Diong Ming Dung and recommended that as he was not present at the session of the conference a letter be written him warning him of the danger of his past conduct and exhorting him to be more zealous in his ministry. It was so ordered.

Epworth League.—The Epworth League Secretaries were then elected. (see Committees.)

Official Minutes.—On motion it was ordered that the printed English Minutes be the Official Minutes of the conference.

On motion it was ordered that after the reading of the minutes, and the reading of the appointments, the conference should stand adjourned *sine die.*

The minutes of the morning session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

The minutes of the evening session were read in English and Chinese and approved.

Appointments.—The Bishop read the appointments of the missionaries and asked M. C. Wilcox to read the native appointments. The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced and the conference adjourned *sine die.*

JOURNAL ADDENDA.

The following Memoranda of business transacted at the Annual Meeting of the Central China Mission were certified to by the presiding Bishop for publication in the Foochow Conference Journal.

Question Five.—*Who have been Continued on trial?*

(a) Sung Chen Tsai, Tsai Wen Yuen and Li Yuen Shen.

(b) Cheo Teng Yiu, Tai Ku Chen, Chii Mei Fu, Hwang Toz Sing, Chang Shuh Liang, Wilbur F. Wilson and Arthur J. Bowen.

(c) Kiang Ming Chih, (answered questions for admission to full membership and was recommended for Deacon's orders). Ernest R. Jellison (requests to be discontinued next session).

Question Six.—*Who have been Discontinued?*

Yeh Shen King.

Question Seven.—*Who have been admitted into full membership?*

(a) Tien Yu Ming (elected in 1897.)

(b) Jesse F. Newman.

Question Eight.—*What members are in studies of Third Year?*

(a) Jesse F. Newman.

(b) Wu Teh Yuen (elected to Deacon's orders in 1897, but not ordained because deficient in two studies of second year).

Question Nine.—*What members are in studies of the Fourth Year?*

Tien Yu Ming, Hu Chi Pin, Tsu Tsing Chen. (The last named has completed all studies and was recommended for election to Elder's orders next session.)

Question Eleven.—*What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*

(a) Ernest R. Jellison.

(Attest.)

EARL CRANSTON.
President.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that at Kiukiang, China, on the 4th day of December, 1898. I ordained as DEACONS in the Methodist Episcopal Church ERNEST R. JELLISON and TIEN YU MING, both elected to this order by the Foochow Conference.

EARL CRANSTON.

IV. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1.—Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?

None.

2.—Who have been Readmitted?

None.

3.—Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

4.—Who have been Received on Trial.

Ngu Go Sung, Go Diek Sieng.

5.—Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year:—Sia Tieng Ang, Huong Do Nguong, Sung Chen Tsai, Tsai Wen Yuen, Li Yuen Shen.

(b) In Studies of Second Year:—Iong Hie Ung, Ling Seu Uong, Cheo Teng Yiu, Tai Ku Chen, Chu Mei Fu, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuk Liang, Wilbur F. Wilson, Arthur J. Bowen.

(c) In Studies of Third Year:—Kiang Ming Chih.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year:—None.

6.—Who have been Discontinued?

Yeh Shen King.

7.—Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year:—None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously:—Jesse F. Newman.

8.—What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year:—Jesse F. Newman.

(b) Ho Dieu Iu, Uong Hung Ngung, Wu Teh Yuen.

9.—What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Siek Gi Ciong, Ling Dieu Daik, Ung Uong Cui, Li Ko Dung, Li Gi Chiong, Co Kong Ching, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Bek Dak, Tien Yu Ming, Hu Chi Pin, Tsu Tsing Cheng.

10.—What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year:—Diong Giu Hua, Cung Daik Ming.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously:—James Simester.

11.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers:—Uong Cie Li.

(b) Under Missionary Rule:—None.

12.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons:—None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule:—None.

13.—Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14.—Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?

None.

15.—Who have Died?

Hu Sing Mi, Ling Heng Tung, Ling Dieu Gek.

16.—Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

17.—Who have been Located?

None.

18.—Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19.—Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20.—Who have been Expelled?

None.

21.—What other Personal Notation should be made?

None.

22.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

None.

23.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Sia Heng To, Hu Bo Mi, Pang Ding Hie.

24.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?

G. S. Miner, G. B. Smyth, N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, W. A. Main, Uong Di Gi, Hu Caik Hang.

25.—What is the Statistical Report for this Year?

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29.—Where are the Preachers Stationed?

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Ku-cheng.

Part Two.

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I. REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. Worley, P. E.

NOTWITHSTANDING the past year has been replete with hardships and trials, victories have been numerous and decisive. The unsettled political condition of the country caused by the fear of China being partitioned among Western nations has not been favorable to immediate results, yet there is reason to believe it will hasten the complete overthrow of Chinese exclusiveness, one of the greatest obstacles to the spread of the Gospel.

There have been perhaps more than the usual amount of scourges, plague, cholera and fever, so that the death rate has been enormous. Together with this we have been on the verge of a famine; or at least food has been at famine prices, and for a long time riots were feared. The hardships of the people have been very great, and the burden has been shared by the native pastors. With their meagre salaries and the price of food advanced one third or more, they have found it hard to make ends meet. Yet they have been patient and loyal. The members have stood by the preachers nobly. Considering the hard times, the subscriptions are excellent, though not much in advance of last year. Had there been a large decrease it would not have been strange.

Though there has not been a great advance in numbers or self-support there has been a steady growth in spiritual life among many of our people. The tithing society is still adding to its numbers and exerting a wide influence. The most genuine results in temperance work for a long time have been accomplished this year. People are really being convicted and sign the pledge, not simply because the missionaries ask them, but for Christ's sake. They agree not only to abstain from its use as a beverage, but agree not to use it at feasts or in cooking.

Most of the pastors have done excellent work among the women and are rejoicing in the great interest among them and the increased attendance upon the means of grace. Formerly when the question of woman's work was urged upon the preachers they excused themselves by saying custom was against their doing any thing for them, but now they see it can be done with propriety and realize there is no genuine success which does not reach the women.

The W. F. M. S. work in all departments is very prosperous and the workers abundant in labor. The completion of the new home and building for the women's school and the purchase of several valuable tracts of land are of special interest and indicate that they are planning for larger things in the future. The loss occasioned by the return of Miss Wilkinson and Dr. Masters to the homeland will be sorely felt and adds greatly to the burdens of their already over-worked colaborers.

The publishing work still sends out its wide stream of influence in tracts and religious literature. The Fuhkien Christian Advocate has been changed to the Chinese Christian Advocate and has come under the management of the Central Conference. Its influence for good is beyond computation.

The Anglo-Chinese College is steadily growing in favor with the people and in power for good. The loss of Miss Bosworth, who has given six faithful years of service to the institution and is now on furlough at home, is very great.

The Theological School never did better work though there is but one Missionary where there ought to be two to do the work.

The day schools in many cases are proving a success and helping on the general work of the church. If greater care were exercised in the selection of teachers and the fields entered and the schools put more directly under the management of the native pastors, their usefulness would be greatly increased.

Tieng Ang Dong Circuit. The new church has been completed with the exception of painting. It is a convenient, commodious structure and a worthy memorial of the fiftieth anniversary of our mission work. The congregation on Sunday mornings numbers about a thousand. The woman's prayer meetings Wednesday afternoons have increased from an attendance of a dozen to nearly a hundred. The circuit covers a large territory and comprises a good many preaching places. The preacher-in-charge and five assistants have been supported by the people. There has been healthy growth along all lines.

Siu Liang Dong has had a prosperous year. The collections are equal to last year. The number of women attending church has greatly increased. The preacher and his wife have done faithful pastoral work especially among the women.

Cing Sing Dong has steadily advanced. Notwithstanding the woman's school has been removed and the pastor is a single man, the women have been interested in the truth and a goodly number

have attended the preaching. The "ragged" Sunday school conducted by Brother and Sister Lacy is reaching a large number of families and bearing fruit.

Hok Ing Dong has advanced in self-support and members, but the number of women attending church is very small.

Bo-ding Haeng has grown in numbers and spiritual life.

It was impossible to rent a building near the center of the A-hong Ga circuit, so most of the members have to go a long way to church, yet the work has prospered.

Puo-a has steadily advanced. Considerable interest in the doctrine is manifested in several of the neighboring villages.

The new church at Lu-loi has been completed and the out-look is very encouraging.

Ngie-cang has enjoyed prosperity. The regular services have been well attended and much interest is manifested by the heathen.

Iek-iong has advanced along all lines. The preacher has done much pastoral work and his labors have been greatly blessed. A number of new places have been opened and much interest is manifested. The urgent cry comes from many more villages to send them teachers. The circuit ought to be divided into two or three. Some people have come thirty miles to quarterly meetings and to be baptized.

On Ngu-kang circuit several points have greatly prospered. This circuit should also be divided in order to give the people better church privileges and the work more thorough supervision.

The out-look at Gang-cia is very hopeful. Many people are earnestly investigating the new doctrine. Especially is this true of the literary men. There are many open doors in this populous region. The harvest truly is great and the laborers few.

Nguong-die: some of the classes in remote villages have enjoyed prosperity. Large numbers seem almost ready to accept Christ and give up their idols. This circuit should also be divided as it covers such a vast territory.

Iong-die met with a sad misfortune early in the year in the death of their pastor, Brother Ling Dieu Gek, one of the most devoted and promising young men in the conference. Since then an earnest local preacher has been in charge and has had good success.

The amount of money raised on the District is as follows:—

FIRST. Regular collections reported in the Statistics.

Self-support paid by Day School pupils	$2,596.60
Bishop's Support	25.30
Missionary Society	133.85
Home Missionary Society	43.80
Self-support to Preachers	751.97
Church Building and Repairs	57.30
Other Benevolences	109.75
Local Purposes	125.00
Total	$3,743.57

SECOND. Money contributed, not included in the Statistics.

W. F. M. S. Work.

Receipts City Hospital	$938.50
,, Liang-au ,,	497.66
Woolston Axuiliary	16.00
Woman's School Self-support	15.36
Other Collections	40.00
Girls' Boarding School Tuition	113.27
,, ,, ,, W. H. M. S.	331.46
,, ,, ,, W. F. M. S.	50.40
Total	$2,002.65

ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

Students' Fees	$3,261.00
Board and Other Expenses	5,250.00
Total	$8,511.00
Grand Total	$14,257.22

In the name of preachers and people I desire to record sincere thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His tender mercies in keeping us in such a degree of health and security amidst plagues and political unrest and giving us a good measure of prosperity in the work committed to our hands. Let us one and all with deep humility acknowledge our unworthiness and, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, seek to know wherein we have failed that, with increased faith in Christ, we may go forth on another year to certain victory.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, P. E.

I WAS appointed to this district last year. Hai-tang is an island, and near it are a number of smaller islands on which we have members. Though Hai-tang is not very large, the work is great and pressing; I am anxious that the interests of the church shall be conserved and advanced.

This district contains nine circuits and has but three conference preachers besides myself. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Our recent district conference was a time of spiritual profit and took advanced ground with reference to self-support. We hope for better things next year.

Ngieu-seu is the strongest circuit and is in good condition. The Epworth League thrives better there than elsewhere on the district. This circuit hopes to reach self-support next year, though the drought and the three typhoons of the season will doubtless make this difficult.

At Tang-tau the members, though not numerous, are very earnest. The Epworth League and other church enterprises are prospering.

Sang-le has had an ordinary year. This circuit is too large for one man to operate effectively and asks for an additional preacher next year.

Dai-bang has had the best year in its history, all departments of the work being very prosperous.

On Dai-ho circuit seventeen families have subscribed about $50 towards building a chapel and ask the Missionary Society to help as much more.

Dai-liang is a newly formed circuit on which we look for much fruit in the near future.

Deng-chiong is like a young tree about to bear fruit. Eight families have subscribed over $80 towards a chapel.

Pray for Hai-tang District.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P. E.

LAST year I was appointed to the Hok-chiang district upon which I thus began my second term as presiding elder. This district

contains eighteen circuits, over sixty appointments, and about 3000 members and probationers; also one boarding (or high) school and twenty day schools for boys, a girls' boarding school, a boarding school for women, and numerous day schools for girls. All these schools have over 500 pupils. The educational department of our work has had unusual prosperity.

After careful consultation with our beloved missionary-in-charge, Rev. M. C. Wilcox, and with the various pastors, I saw that the condition of the membership required radical treatment. Accordingly more than ten members were expelled and over 100 probationers dropped. The influence of this measure has been very salutary. More than $100 of the money reported last year as collected for preachers was never paid. There are many other defects in the state of this district, but they cannot all be remedied in a short time. I trust all the pastors will faithfully co-operate in improving this unsatisfactory state of things.

The temporal condition of the people on this district is indeed deplorable. Early in the year there was long continued drought. Later, at various intervals, three destructive typhoons swept over that region. Hence the crops have been badly injured and the cost of food has greatly advanced. For many years there has not been such destitution. An epidemic of considerable severity has caused many deaths. On account of these different calamities, the people resorted with unusual earnestness to idol processions and to their temple worship, hoping thereby to appease the anger of the gods. The heathen have in a number of places severely persecuted their Christian neighbors in order to compel them to contribute towards the expense of the idolatrous worship. As a result of the various troubles several families of church members have fallen away. I earnestly hope Bishop Cranston and the missionaries will devise some method to help the preachers during this time of special destitution.

Concerning my own work, I would state that in the summer I went to Japan as your delegate to the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our mission in that empire. I was most cordially and honorably treated by all. Since returning to China, I have given many addresses about Japan and its mission work, I trust with profit to my hearers.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DANG SENG LING, P. E.

AT the last conference I was again appointed to Iong-bing district. Some of the trips I have made during the year have been over a thousand *li* in length. Travelling by land is difficult and by water is dangerous. The circuits are large and the people scattered. Many different dialects are spoken and it is hard to reach the people with the Gospel truth. Most of the preachers are unordained. We hope for more experienced, ordained men.

Though feeling my inability to cope with such difficulties, trusting in God's word and grace, I went boldly forward and in doing my work have received peace and protection from God. Visiting each of the circuits four times, I have tried by preaching, teaching and example, to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom.

Satan has worked against us this year. The Tautai has issued proclamations in three prefects and seventeen districts, saying that Protestantism was no better than Buddhism or Tauism and that Christians are scoundrels who deceive people by their craftiness. But we trust the Lord to keep his chosen ones from harm.

I have urged self-support upon all our members but owing to the high price of food and poverty of the people they have been unable to increase their subscriptions very much.

Mok-die subscribed over $20 for self-support and has received several new members.

Sa-kung is in a promising condition, reports a number of baptisms and $20 for self-support, besides nearly $80 spent in repairing the church. The Woman's school has been moved here. The W. F. M. S. and the Parent Board bought a building for $500 which is large enough to be used for a school and church as well.

Sa-gaing is one of the oldest circuits but has not prospered in the past as it should have done. The new pastor, sent by the last conference, has worked hard and faithfully and the result has been an increase of 40 members as well as $20 added to self-support. There being no better place to be obtained, a police station has been used for a church. In twenty years no literary man has been connected with the church here. Last Spring, however, Mr. Uong, a man of high literary standing and connected with an official family, was converted and joined the church. His relatives have opposed and persecuted him but he has been faithful. Both in preaching and in giving money he has been a great help to us.

The members of the Ciong-hu-buang circuit are, like the Laodiceans, neither cold nor hot. The Woman's School has been transferred to Iong-bing City taking ten members along with it, so that the condition of the church is worse than last year.

Iu-ka circuit has about 30 members and has had a prosperous year. At present it is in need of a pastor who can manage temporal affairs.

The Sing-gio circuit has responded to the earnest efforts of the pastor and in consquence 10 have been baptized and 20 received on probation. The fourth quarterly conference was a blessed time and the amount raised for self-support was twice as much as was ever raised before. On this circuit are many villages where we hope to be able to open new work as soon as we can get the workers.

Hu-nguong is in need of an assistant pastor and is ready to pay half the salary of such a man if he is sent.

Sek-baik Du is erecting a new church and parsonage. In this they have been assisted by the Society and Miss Linam.

The church at Sung-chiong was burned down but with the help of $1000 from the Society we are building a new church which will be ready for use by the 10th month.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

IEK ING GUANG, P. E. *

THIS conference year on the Ku-cheng district began with a pentecost to all the Christian workers, who soon after the close of last year's conference gathered at Ku-cheng City for a few days of waiting upon the Lord. Going forth with this fresh annointing of the spirit and renewed consecration to God the natural result has been a year of great blessing and prosperity, with revivals on nearly every charge. With only a few exceptions the pastors have done earnest and faithful work and have been rewarded by seeing many souls brought into the kingdom. Special care has been taken to guard against any person entering the church from questionable motives and we have reason to believe that those who have been received as probationers are sincerely seeking spiritual benefit.

*In the absence of the report of the Presiding Elder this report of W. A. Main, missionary-in-charge, is substituted.

Another encouraging feature of the year's work is the advance that has been made in self-support. An earnest effort has been made to educate the people to systematic giving and the results have been most gratifying. Over two hundred have commenced tithing their income, giving the tenth to the work of the Lord. The amount raised for pastor's support has more than doubled, advancing from $187. for last year to $540. for the present year.

The Ku-cheng City charge alone has raised over $1000. for the new church that is being built in the first ward, has supported three pastors in full and has advanced its missionary collection from $12. to $40. this year.

Through the kindness and liberality of friends in America, Ku-cheng has been rarely favored this year in being able to erect three fine, commodious school buildings. They are well on toward completion and it is expected they will be ready for occupancy next term. The schools are all in a most prosperous condition and are beginning to furnish the church with a splendid army of Christian workers.

While Christianity has gained a strong foothold in this region, yet we realize that this is only the beginning and that the great work of reaching the unsaved multitudes yet remains.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

DING UNG TIU, P. E.

LAST Conference I was appointed by the Bishop to this district. The responsibility is very heavy. It is too great for man's strength. For over twenty years I have been the recipient of God's grace and favor in large measure and therefore dare not shrink heavy burdens or fail in any duty. So I determined to be earnest, faithful and impartial and always seek guidance and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, that I might be able to accomplish the great task set before me and perhaps in a measure repay God's boundless grace bestowed upon me.

The year is now past and I find four reasons for comfort and encouragement. First. The members are coming to see that law suits are a hindrance to the work. Thus, except in extreme cases, the preachers have persuaded them not to go to law. Second. Notwithstanding wherever we have had special prosperity the Catholics

have followed us and tried to lead away people, it has seemed to give us greater success. The reason is perhaps because their methods are so divergent that the people can the more easily distinguish between the true and false. Third. Though food has been dear and times hard and the Catholics everywhere telling the people if they unite with them they need only pay ten cents once, while the Methodists collect money every year and a few of our people have been deceived, yet at the end of the year I find that more has been raised than last year. Fourth. There has been a growing spirit of helpfulness and sympathy between the preachers and myself during the year. The brethren have kindly received all my suggestions and advice and when it was impossible for me to attend the quarterly meetings they have gladly rendered assistance and I desire to thank them for it. On more than half the circuits are signs of great prosperity so that by another year we shall be able to report large success.

There are three sources from which these four signs of prosperity have their origin and for which I desire to render thanksgiving. First. Soon after conference Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin visited Ming-chiang and their instruction was like rain in time of drought. When Mrs. Baldwin told of her work for the Chinese in America many were moved to tears and inspired to better lives. Her words are still treasured up and linger as the tones of a bell. As she bade good-bye to us she said whatever she had been able to accomplish was by the cross and exhorted me to preach nothing but Christ and Him crucified. Second. Mr. Worley has held three revival meetings for Christian workers during the year and many people were greatly blessed. Reports of these meetings I have already given in the Advocate, but desire to mention other facts here. A member who received a great blessing went home and fitted up his house for a preaching place and is now rejoicing over nearly forty souls brought to Christ. At the revival meetings over thirty persons, preachers, teachers and members were led to consecrate a tenth to the Lord and as a result about $200 have been paid in. $114.80 of this will be applied to the Home Missionary Society for opening up new work. I am under great obligations to Mr. Worley for advice and suggestions on many questions for which I most heartily thank him. Third. Mrs. Worley has earnestly requested the preachers and members to call and see her and by prayer and Scripture quotations has inspired them to more systematic Bible study and private devotions and many have been strengthened in faith and zeal. She has urged them to be more faithful in trying to lead the women to Christ and teaching them to read. Her work has been a great help in giving us a right

understanding of our duty to the women, as when the moon hidden by the clouds suddenly comes into full view.

As there is a special report of the Boys' Boarding School I need not report it here.

We have thirty-six boys' day schools with six hundred and twenty-five pupils. Twelve teachers have been baptized and received into the church this year and twenty pupils have been baptized and sixteen received into the church. Two hundred and thirty-nine pupils are probationers.

At Chiong-muoi, where we have only a day school, a woman brought her child for baptism and at the same time subscribed $6. So large a subscription by a poor woman was such a surprise that others were inspired to give and over $30 were raised.

The W. F. M. S. has two departments of work. First. The medical work under Dr. Carleton, who is abundant in labors of love. She treats both Christians and unbelievers and visits distant places caring for the aged, the poor and the children who are unable to come to the hospital. Her visits through the country give the preachers extra opportunity to preach to the women. There is a Bible-woman connected with the hospital and while the people have their bodies healed she gives them the word of life. Second. The girls' day schools and woman's school under the supervision of Miss Peters, who is very earnest in the work. Several new day schools have been established this year and are doing good work. We hear with pleasure that a girls' boarding school is to be established next year and we hope another lady will be appointed to help in the work.

Sek-ne Du circuit has been revived a little. The pastor was very much discouraged, but is hopeful now.

Sek-chek Du circuit has made a little advance. At one of the preaching places considerable interest is manifested in the doctrine by the heathen.

Sek-ngo Du circuit, notwithstanding the pastor is earnest and faithful, has suffered a decrease in members and subscriptions. But at one place a new interest has sprung up.

Sang-se Du circuit has enjoyed some prosperity. Several members who had gone after the Catholics have returned.

Sek-ek Du circuit has made advance. The pastor is a very careful man and receives the respect of all classes. This circuit is third in the amount of subscriptions.

Chek-baik Du circuit has prospered. The pastor is courage-

ous and although the work has been started only about two years the members are growing in grace and spirituality.

Ming-chiang City circuit has made progress. Unfortunately the pastor has been in poor health a good deal.

Ne Du circuit has enjoyed great prosperity in several of the distant classes. Both assistant pastors are energetic. This circuit ought to be divided.

Ciong-iong circuit lies along the river and with faithful work blessed results will follow. Several new classes have been opened. This circuit is twenty miles long. The preacher-in-charge and assistant are faithful. This circuit stands second in subscriptions.

Lek Du circuit has had healthy growth. The pastor is very earnest and careful in all his work. He has spent some time teaching the Bible in the boarding school. This circuit stands first in subscriptions and second in number of baptisms and admission to full membership.

Sek-se Du circuit has prospered at two or three classes. The members are earnest and loyal. The second Bible conference was held on this circuit and many of the members attended and received much help. A very large number have joined on probation. This circuit is third in baptisms and receptions to full membership.

Sek-lek Du circuit has also enjoyed prosperity. The pastor is earnest and active and rejoices in much fruit. The member mentioned before, who received such a rich blessing at the revival meeting and who fitted up his house for a chapel and led so many to Christ, belongs here. This circuit is first in numbers baptized and received into full membership.

To make one round of this district one must travel four hundred miles, so I have traveled over sixteen hundred miles. One hundred and fifty-five adults have been baptized and ninety-seven received into full membership. Forty-five children have been baptized.

II. REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

FOOCHOW SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

N. J. PLUMB, PRESIDENT.

THE past year has been one of success as well as of hard work. There have been about forty students in attendance and the examinations at the end of each term have shown that they have been diligent in their studies.

This is the first year that I have been able to give my entire time to the school, but I have had no assistance in teaching from other missionaries as in former years, except that Mrs. Plumb has taught a class in *Harmony of the Gospels*.

The monitor and teachers have been very diligent in their work and peace and harmony have prevailed.

In June we graduated a class of five. Of these, two were the sons of preachers. They are all intelligent, earnest young men and we hope they will prove efficient and successful preachers of the Gospel of Christ.

We are now planning to do away with the preparatory class, and expect the Boarding Schools on each District to do this work, and before applying for entrance to this school the students must be duly tested by work under the Presiding Elders. Thus the standard of the school will be raised, and we will be able to accomplish better work.

If the Boarding Schools are able to fully carry out the course of study recently adopted for them the work of this school will be greatly facilitated. Whether they can all do this remains to be seen. Some may and some may not. This new course includes some scientific and mathematical studies, such as are greatly needed in the preparatory work, and I hope all will do their utmost to give all who contemplate entering the ministry a thorough training in these as well as in all other books.

The evangelistic work of the school has not fallen behind that of preceding years. Wednesday afternoon of each week is specially set apart for preaching, and other leisure hours are also improved for this work. Many of the students are class leaders and thus do consider-

able sub-pastoral work. There has been considerable sickness; some of hemorrhage of the lungs, and threatened consumption, but in each case prompt action has been taken and under medical advice the students have been sent home and thus fatal consequences prevented.

For this there have been several causes. The students are mostly from the country and unused to a sedentary life. Then the building is too small to accommodate so many, as it must provide rooms for the students, the monitor and his family as well as the teachers; also chapel, recitation rooms, dining room, kitchen and servants' quarters; all in this one, not large building. If we are to prepare strong preachers we must have more ample accommodations. We greatly need enlarged quarters for the monitor, library reading rooms, etc.

Where is the man blest with this world's goods who sees the great need, who, for the love of Christ and the souls of those perishing millions, will come to the rescue and contribute the means necessary to provide better facilities for this most important school?

I also appeal to all the members of this conference to carefully look for earnest, intelligent young men for the ministry, as the success or failure of our work in this province will depend largely upon the kind of young men you recommend to this school. Consecrate your own sons to God and pray that He may call the best ones to the ministry; and urge the same upon your members. The sole object of this school is to prepare workers who can be used of God in saving souls. We plead for your prayers and hearty coöperation in this work which carries with it such weighty responsibilities.

ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

IT IS with much pleasure that I find myself once more privileged to present the annual report of the College to this Conference. It has been my pleasant duty to present such a report almost every year since 1883. The past has in some respects marked an advance over all former years. In number of students, in regularity of attendance, in increased possibilities for work, and in the religious life of the school, there has been noticeable progress. In the following numbered paragraphs I shall report briefly the principal events of

the year, and I hope you will find them worthy of approval. The confidence of this conference in the work of the College has always been an immense encouragement to me, and I shall be glad indeed if the work of the past year shows that the College still deserves it.

1. *Graduates.* In the 12th moon of last year the graduation exercises were held as usual, and two young men, Ung Sioh Chong and Hu Sie Guong, graduated. The former is now in the service of the British Government at Singapore, and the latter is a teacher at Foochow. Both were Christians, and Hu Sie Guong was especially prominent in Christian work for young men. As President of the Epworth League, and President of the College Y. M. C. A. he was widely known and respected, and constantly engaged in Christian service.

Several of the most distinguished men of Foochow, Ding Bo Ting, Ding Pek, Song Bo Ceng, and others, were present at the exercises, and expressed themselves as greatly pleased with what they saw and heard. While the exercises were in progress, messengers arrived bearing tablets from the Literary Chanceller, the Provincial Judge, and the Salt Commissioner, and they are now hung in the College hall.

2. *Attendance.* The total number of students in the first term of this year 276. and the number this term is 265. For several reasons the attendance during the last term is always less than during the first. The enrollment this year is the highest in the history of the College, although at the beginning of the year we could accept only 70 out of over 110 candidates. Within the last two years we have refused over 170 students. With sufficient accommodation we could easily have an attendance of over 400, but even as it is we have a larger number of students than any other Christian College in China.

Very few students have left during the year to take up positions, and this was not because there were no positions, but because most of the students present now desire, if possible, to complete the course. In the early years many left to take the first positions offered them. The diploma of the College was not considered of much value then, but several of those students have since expressed sincere regret at having left so early. This diploma is now regarded as a certificate of considerable value, and from present indications I feel warranted in saying that in the future the number of those who complete the course will notably increase. It is to be hoped that this will be so for the sake of the young men themselves, their College, their church, and their country.

The great majority of the students are hard workers, and with very few exceptions their conduct during the year has been very satisfactory.

3. *Apparatus.* When I was in Japan in the summer I found at Kioto a Japanese firm which made excellent appparatus for schools at very reasonable prices, and I bought several pieces. These have been of great service in the class room. Some months ago I ordered from America an Edison phonograph, and expect it here in a couple of weeks.

Last year I said we would have an electric light plant at the College by this time, but I have found it impossible to carry out my plans. In all probability however such a plant will be installed in a few months from now.

4. *New Land.* Owing to the crowded condition of the dormitories I found it necessary to look about for means of providing more room for students, and last year purchased a large plot of land just south of the College. My purpose now is, with the consent of the mission, to turn over my residence to the college as a dormitory, and build another house on the new land. My residence, with few alterations, would make an excellent dormitory, and afford room for about fifty students. This or some other plan must be adopted or we shall not be able to receive many new students next year.

5. *Finance.* There have been received in fees from the students during the year $3,261. In addition to this the students have paid for books, for board and for all their personal expenses, and these items would amount to about $4,000. In this, however, are not included the expenses of the day scholars, which at a low estimate would amount to about $1,250. The total amount therefore spent in self-support cannot be much less than $9,000.

6. *Religious Work.* The students meet every morning for prayers before beginning the work of the day. They are divided into Bible classes in which systematic instruction is given in the Scriptures. Rev. J. Simester teaches the College classes, Rev. Uong De Gi, the Pastor of Tieng Ang Dong, teaches the highest preparatory class, Mr. Ding Maing Ing and Ding Hie Ung, of the College staff, teach a class each, and Mr. Ding Sing Ong and Mr. Ling Seu Ceng, of the Theological School, teach two classes.

The Y. M. C. A., under the presidency of Mr. Go Tieng Seu, has done excellent work, and its Friday evening meetings have been well attended. The Rev. D. Willard Lyon of Tung Cho, who recently visited Foochow, addressed the Association and held several conferences with its president. As an indication of the interest felt in

the Association's work I may mention that 25 copies of "The Chinese Intercollegian" are taken by the students. I would also mention the work done at Liang-au, where a chapel is supported and regular services are maintained every Sunday, by the students. This little chapel is well named "Geu-ling Dong," "Soul Saving Church." Mention should also be made of the fact that several of the older students hold services every Sunday in some of Mr. Miner's day schools.

7. *My Colleagues.* It is a great pleasure to refer to the cordial coöperation of all my colleagues, Chinese and foreign, for to this is largely due whatever success the College has had. I would specially refer to the chief Monitor, Mr Lau Sing Hiong, to whose care and wisdom is due, in a large measure the good order of the school.

At the close of the spring term Miss S. M. Bosworth returned home on furlough after six years of thorough, loyal work in the College. During her whole term of service she gave herself without stint to its interests, and there is not a single teacher or student who does not look gladly for her return next year.

I ought not to close this part of the report without correcting a misapprehension which exists regarding the foreign teaching staff. It is supposed by some that all are in receipt of salaries from the Missionary Society. This is a mistake. Of the six American teachers only three, Miss Bosworth, Mr. Simester, and myself, receive salaries from the Society; the other three, Mrs. W. H. Lacy, Mrs. J. Simester, and Mrs. G. B. Smyth, give their services voluntarily. This ought to be remembered, for without the time given freely by these ladies the College would be crippled, or the Society would have to supply their places at considerable expense. I know of no school or college in America where so much work is gladly done without any compensation whatever.

8. *Aid to Poor Students.* Four students are now helped financially from funds given by American friends. The money is not given to them as formerly, but loaned, the student giving a written undertaking, signed by himself and his parent or guardian, that he will return it, without interest, after graduating. It is not to be returned all at once, but by fixed instalments, according to the amount of his income.

9. *The Future.* It is not easy to be wise in speaking of the future, but a few things may be said of it without much probability of error. In a few months we shall have an electric plant large

enough to light the school-rooms in the evening. I think too, we shall have a tower clock on the north side of the main building. This will be a great advantage to a multitudes of people, as from its conspicuous position it can be seen for a long way beyond the river.

It is possible that the trustees may raise the fees for students entering after this year. The fees at present are too low, while the expenses of the school are very high. In the new schools opened at Amoy, and even in schools opened at Foochow by persons who know but little English, the tuition fees are higher than they are with us, though the advantages we offer are infinitely greater. Even though our fees should be doubled they still would be very low.

As to the future place of the College in the educational system of China I cannot speak with certainty. I know it has made a large place for itself already, and I hope it will be equal to whatever demands are made upon it. When the Emperor decreed the opening of schools throughout China I felt confident that the Government would have to look to such Colleges as this to supply most of the teachers, and I believe it will do so yet, after the present reactionary movement has had its day. To the church also it will sustain an important relation in educating its young men, and perhaps preparing some for its ministry. But whatever the precise relation it must always be one of exceeding helpfulness.

THE FOOCHOW MISSION PRESS.

REV. W. H. LACY, SUPERINTENDENT.

AS was reported by the Superintendent of the Press at the last Conference there had been quite a decrease in the amount of work in hand, and there were no orders ahead at the beginning of the year. It was not long however before many requests for estimates were received, and soon considerable work was under way. Some work had to be refused and other orders were seriously delayed in consequence of the supply of foreign paper having being exhausted during the previous year. The rapid advance in the price of native paper since the Japanese war has created so large a de-

mand for foreign paper in our printing, especially for the Scriptures, that it will be necessary hereafter to keep several thousand dollars worth of paper on hand for our work.

The increase in the volume of work has been constant throughout the year, and we are now employing twice as many men as at last conference. We now have orders ahead from the Bible and Tract societies for work aggregating in value over $7,000. The statistics below, which show the work completed during the year, do not fairly represent the amount of work done, for we have been working several months on orders still unfinished, including 10,000 Bibles and 5,000 New Testaments, in both wenli and colloquial, which form no part of the statistics given. Some of these we hope to finish at the close of the year, while others will keep the presses busy until midsummer.

The plant of the Mission Press has been enlarged during the year by the addition of anothor Liberty job press of a larger size, by a new font of music type, and a considerable supply of new type for English book and job printing. A small piece of land adjoining our property on the north has been purchased that better protection from fire may be secured. The sum of about $2,000. has been expended for these purposes. The demand for foreign stationery, not only among the growing missionary community but also among the Chinese of our many schools, has so largely increased that we have had to greatly enlarge our supply, and now have a stock of over $3,000 in value.

The Superintendent of the Press has not been unmindful of the request of the conference that we publish Wesley's Sermons and Nast's Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in Chinese. The former of these has long been out of print and after a search of several months, extending from Hankow to Canton, a copy was secured and we hope to have the book out of press before the adjournment of Conference. We were promised the manuscript of the lectures on Homiletics in time to have the book ready before conference, and the Pastoral Theology to follow soon, but the time of the translator has been so crowded with other duties that the manuscript is not yet ready for the printer.

Our supply of valuable books published at Shanghai, Canton and Hongkong has been increased and we would call your attention to Mackenzie's History of Christian Civilization in the Nineteenth Century and Silsby's Life of Christ, which are now on sale and

should be in the hands of every preacher. A good supply of such Commentaries on the Scriptures as are published in Chinese can now be found in the book store, together with a general assortment of other books which are worthy of your examination.

I wish to call the attention of the Conference to a book we have recently published, "Extracts from the Discipline," in colloquial. This book was prepared by a committee appointed by this body, and should find a place in every family of our church where the Foochow dialect is spoken. The large majority of our church members, cannot intelligently read the discipline in the wenli, and this book has in 70 leaves (140 pages) of large type, colloquial character, at a cost of 25 cash, the most important parts of the discipline. Let me urge every pastor to secure a supply of these books for his members before he leaves Foochow.

The Chinese Christian Advocate, which as the successor of the Fuhkien Christian Advocate and the Central China Christian Advocate was ordered published by the Central Conference of China, has been well received, and under the able editorship of Rev. G. B. Smyth, D. D., has steadily increased in circulation during the year, being now 3,000 copies, which is several hundred more than the combined circulation of the two Advocates last year. Let the pastors rally to the support of this paper and push its circulation so that this agent of reform, spiritual, social and political, may enter every open door and carry with it the Gospel of salvation.

The circulation of the Child's Paper has not been maintained at its old figures, being now about 100 copies less than a year ago. More should be done by our pastors to introduce this little paper into the homes of our Christians. It is published in the colloquial character that those who are not familiar with the wenli may enjoy its pages. Much that is contained in it is profitable reading for our pastors and adult membership, and I make the suggestion to the conference committee on religious literature that this paper be published weekly for circulation in our Sunday schools, and that a special effort be made to increase its circulation wherever the Foochow dialect is spoken. The paper has been almost doubled in size without any increase of price and is still sold at the very low price of three cash, though the edition printed now is so small that it costs over thirteen cash a copy to publish it. Cannot an effort be made in behalf of this paper which shall result in putting it in the hands of ever pupil in our Sunday schools, and day schools, that it may thus find its way into the homes of all our Christians and many outside of the church.

THE AMOUNT OF WORK COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:—

	Volumes.	Pages.
Scriptures	6,000	702,000
Tracts: Books, etc.	120,024	4,393,696
Sheets,		110,780
S. S. Literature: Books, etc.	26,260	477,620
Sheets,		18,412
Miscellaneous: Books, etc.	94,832	1,511,385
Sheets		137,050
Total	247,116	7,350,943

OF THIS AMOUNT THE WORK DONE FOR OUR METHODIST SOCIETIES IS AS FOLLOWS:—

METHODIST EPISCOPAL TRACT SOCIETY.

	Volumes.	Pages.
Books, etc.	10,050	302,000
Sheets,		110,780
Total	10,050	412,780

METHODIST EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Books, etc.	26,260	477,620
Sheets,		18,412
Total	26,260	496,032

FOOCHOW BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

GEO. B. SMYTH, PRINCIPAL.

I HAVE now for a number of years been Principal of the Boys' Boarding School, in addition to my duties as Principal of the Anglo-Chinese College, and I am glad to be able to say to the Conference that it has made good progress during the past year. The number of scholars has greatly increased, though many of the candidates for admission were rejected as there was no room for them. There are only six rooms for students, together with two recitation rooms.

With this poor accommodation however we have been able to teach 39, the largest number we have had for several years.

The boys are divided into classes according to their attainments. The books used, and subjects studied, are the Old and New Testaments, and books explanatory of their teaching, the Four Books and Five Classics, Arithmetic, Geography, History. The boys are also carefully taught the art of composition in Chinese. Two examinations are held each year, and at the last examination the work of the boys was highly commended by the examining committee.

Five of the students have received exhorter's licenses from their Quarterly Conferences, and there are eighteen other earnest disciples of the Master. On Sunday afternoons they meet in one of the recitation rooms for religious conference and instruction, and at evening prayers they take turns as leaders. The Monitor, Mr. Ngoi Siong U, pays a great deal of attention to the boys' religious training. The other teachers also, Messrs Ding, Uong and U, are earnestly devoted to their work.

Owing to the crowded condition of the school I have been seeking for a site on which to erect a suitable school building, and have succeeded, through the tact and patience of Mr. Ngoi, in purchasing a tract of land just west of the Anglo-Chinese College. I hope that before long a new and suitable building will be erected thereon, though at present I have not a dollar in hand with which to begin it.

I would ask you, brethren, to pray for this school. It is a preparatory school for the Theological School and the College. It has therefore a very important place in our educational system, and ought to have the intelligent interest and sympathy of every member of the Conference.

KU-CHENG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

DING HIONG CING, PRINCIPAL.

THE Ku-cheng Boys' School has been organized several years. A number of students have already finished the course of study and have entered the Theological School or Anglo-Chinese College. The first term of the present year there were sixty-six students en-

rolled in this school but this term owing to sickness, etc. there have been only fifty-six. There are among the students seventeen local preachers or exhorters who on Sabbath afternoons go out through the city or surrounding villages to do gospel work.

The students are often called upon to lead the church prayer meetings and Epworth League services. The school is divided into six classes or grades which are instructed by three Chinese teachers, Ding Hiong Cing, Ding Hiong Mi and Ding Hieu Ang. W. A. Main, Missionary in charge, also instructs two classes each day.

The school which has suffered many inconveniences and annoyances from being in a native building and near the street, is soon to move into a new building on the hill near the missionaries' homes. The money for this fine building was secured by Dr. Wilcox while home on furlough. Last May a beautiful site was purchased with broad ample grounds and the building commenced which it is hoped will be ready for occupancy next term.

This year the students have subscribed $50. for the new city church and $20. for pastors salary.

We ask your prayers for this school that it may be blessed in its work of training young men for Christian living and Christian service.

MING-CHIANG BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

DING UNG TIU, PRINCIPAL.

IT is now three years since the opening of this school. Because of the narrow quarters and having no room for chapel, the pupils could not meet together for worship. After I had taken charge of this school I was in great distress and felt there was no way but to find a more commodious building. Not till the fourth moon were we able to find a suitable place, which Mr. Worley promptly secured. Though the building is old, it is large, and roomy and is now repaired. After the summer vacation we moved in and the school is doing much better.

We have adopted new regulations but keep the old teachers, Messrs. Sia and Uong. They are both thorough in teaching and

firm in government. We are praying for God's richest blessing upon these boys that the labor and care of the church upon them may not be in vain.

Last year there were thirty-six pupils, but the new regulations exclude all under thirteen years of age, hence some were sent back to the day schools, leaving only twenty-three. But nine new ones were received making thirty-two. Eight of the pupils have exhorters' license. On Sabbath afternoons they go two by two to the villages and homes to preach, and in the evening at the Epworth League tell their experiences. The people are very attentive to the preaching of these young men.

There are four classes. In the first class are ten, in the second seven; these two are under the instruction of Mr. Sia. They receive instruction in poetry, rhetoric and translation. The third and fourth classes are taught by Mr. Uong. The pastor, Rev. Ding Iok Nguong, teaches the Bible. As I am compelled to be away from home much of the time, I have entrusted the management of the school to these three brethren and they have not disappointed me.

We hope to receive a large number next year from the day schools. In the new course of study are several very expensive books which the pupils are not able to purchase but I have laid the matter before Dr. Smyth and the Committee on Education and hope some way may be devised to help the pupils secure these books.

"SPECIAL GIFT" DAY SCHOOLS.

G. S. MINER, SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE.

IN glancing over the work of the past short year our heart goes out in deepest gratitude to the Father of all blessings. His loving kindness and unerring guidance have been ever manifest, while on the other hand our short comings have been many. No one can see the imperfections of this work plainer than I, and no one on earth better knows of the glorious results achieved.

Having had only the "special gift" day school work this year, I have been able to do much more visiting and personal work among my schools and teachers than ever before. This and meetings held with the teachers have been very satisfactory. I cannot say how many have accepted Christ as their personal Savior,

but I do know that scores of idols have been brought to me that have been abandoned by the pupils and patrons of the schools. I now understand the work and the teachers better than ever before, and believe that in the year to come much more can be accomplished than in the year just passed.

The dear friends of other lands have contributed to the support of this work so that, with what the pupils have paid, 188 schools with 4,555 pupils have been supported. The pupils's contribution is Mexican dollars 2,402.60. Considering the fact that the great majority of my pupils' parents are poor, I consider this a fair contribution. The most discouraging feature of the work is the impossibility of keeping but few of the pupils in school for more than two or three years. This will be obviated when the industrial schools are opened.

The present greatest need is a consecrated man to assist me in personal work, school visitation, holding institutes, and meetings with the teachers. May the Bishop appoint the right man is my prayer. I feel under great obligation to both pastors and missionaries who have assisted in carrying on this work and most earnestly solicit a continuance thereof. We rejoice that a lady has been appointed for evangelistic work in the Foochow district. May she soon be followed by two more. There are thousands in this valley who are ready to hear the glad tidings of Salvation. May the Lord help us in saving these little ones is our daily prayer.

III. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

YOUR committee are pleased to report progress in the development of the educational work of the conference.

I. The Foochow School of Theology.

The attendance in this school has been somewhat smaller than last year, as a result of the decision of the Mission to discontinue the Preparatory Department, but we believe this change will be to the advantage of the school and will result in better training of those who are in the regular theological course. We would recommend that the grade of the school be raised still more by requiring more advanced qualifications for admission. Perhaps a closer relationship might be established between this school and the Anglo-Chinese College, and thus enable the theological students who may wish to study English and the sciences to take some of their work in the College classes.

We would recommend that regular work for the Sabbath be assigned to every student in the school, and if possible the financial arrangements of the school and the district be so adjusted that the support of the students be secured as a return for services rendered. Many villages throughout this valley which now have no gospel light might thus be given regular evangelistic work, and the students thus secure valuable, practical training while pursuing their theological course.

We regret the frequent changes in the management of this school which have been made necessary in other years by the small force of missionaries in the field. We believe this important department of our educational work should have the very best provision made for its necessities. We commend the work of the president, Rev. N. J Plumb, and the Monitor, Rev. Hu Caik Hang during the past year; we believe substantial improvements have been made, and we congratulate the school that the president is now able to give his undivided attentions to this work. At the same time we would recommend that as soon as possible another missionary be added to the faculty and that at least half of his time be given to this school.

II. Normal Training School.

We believe our educational system has one serious defect, which should be remedied as soon as possible. A new school should be established as soon as possible for the training of teachers and other workers which would be of a higher grade than our boys' boarding schools and could thus be utilized as a preparatory department to the theological school. Also, we cannot expect to get well trained teachers for our day schools until some better provision is made for their training in a central school of a high grade.

III. Anglo-Chinese College.

There have been 275 students enrolled during the past year, all of whom have regularly studied the Scriptures. Frequent religious meetings have been held and excellent results are reported. Most of those who have graduated from the College have been faithful to the Truth. Some of these graduates are now raising a subscription of $900. for the purchase of a tower clock and bell. This will be of great value to many people, as the tower will be plainly seen by the vast multitudes on the opposite side of the river.

As the College buildings are now so crowded we would urge the Mission to make plans for an appropriation of $3,000 to help the College erect another building. We would also suggest to the Bishop the importance of sending out another lady teacher for the College.

President Smyth has proposed a summer school of six weeks in connection with the College that more advanced training may be given to our school teachers. Special opportunities could thus be afforded for instruction in sciences with simple experiments, such as are desirable for the proper understanding of the new course of study which has been adopted for our Boarding Schools.

IV. Boys' Boarding Schools.

These schools have been established in four of our districts and are of great advantage to the work. Much improvement is seen in all of these schools except that in Hok-chiang, which has only nineteen scholars.

In the Foochow school there have been thirty-nine pupils enrolled, far too many for such meager accommodations. We recommend that prompt measures be taken to secure a proper building for this school so that more scholars may be better accommodated.

The Ku-cheng school has had fifty-six scholars. Of the older pupils several have been very active in preaching the gospel in various places in the city and suburbs on Sunday afternoons, and this work has brought blessed results. We congratulate the conference that this school is soon to be provided with the new building made possible by the gift of $1,000. gold, in which nearly one hundred pupils can be accommodated.

The Ming-chiang school has been attended by thirty-two pupils.

We regret that thus far no boarding school has been opened in either Iong-bing or Hai-tang District. We believe that at least one such school should be in every district of the conference, for they are an absolute necessity for the proper training of the boys, and as preparatory schools to our College and Theological school.

We recommend that a Mandarin teacher be provided in all of these schools, and that an able preacher be appointed to teach the Scriptures and serve as monitor.

We recommend that only boys between the ages of thirteen and eighteen be admitted into these schools, and that as soon as possible the Normal Training School be provided for those more advanced in years.

V. Boys' Day Schools.

We recommend that more care be exercised in the selection of day school teachers, and that all teachers be amenable to the district or quarterly conference which shall determine their fitness as to education and character for the work. Also that inefficiency shall subject then to dismissal at any time during the year.

We recommend that the Superintendent of the day schools carry out the rules adopted at the conference last year.

We recommend that the pastors be more devoted to the interests of the day schools in their circuits, that they see whether the teachers are faithful in their work; that the salaries of the teachers be reduced if they are unfaithful, but not because of irregularities in the attendance of pupils.

Wm. H. Lacy,
Chairman.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

WE desire first, to express our appreciation of the work done by the M. E. Mission Press under the supervision of W. H. Lacy. The books and pamphlets issued are of the highest value and we urge our preachers to be more diligent in promoting the sales of these publications.

2. The Chinese Christian Advocate, under the editorship of G. B. Smyth, has proved the wisdom of the Central Conference in ordering its issue. The circulation has increased but is not yet nearly as large as it should be.

3. As the Chinese Christian Advocate is published in wenli and many of our members are unable to read anything but the colloquial; we recommend that the paper heretofore known as the Child's paper be published weekly instead of monthly, and that the name be changed to the Foochow Colloquial Advocate.

4. Many of the preachers in the conference course of study have experienced some difficulty in getting the books on account of having to send to Shanghai, we suggest that these books be kept on sale at the book store in the Press building.

5. In view of the inability of many of our preachers buying such books as are necessary to keep the mind well employed, we recommend that steps be taken looking forward to the establishment of a Library in every district of the Conference.

6. We also suggest that a memorial be presented to the Central Conference asking that the Chinese Christian Advocate be published every fortnight.

7. We urge the publication at our Press of the Sing Ging Ching Siong.

J. SIMESTER,
CHAIRMAN.

TEMPERANCE.

WE are pleased that in years past this conference has expressed itself strongly for temperance.

We wish that all preachers would comply with the rule required now of the preachers entering conference and thereby set a good example.

Let the children be taught that intemperance is deterimental to both soul and body.

Let the preachers exhort the local preachers and official board and all members to abstain from the use of tobacco and all intoxicants.

Let a sermon be preached at least once a year on the subject to every congregation on the charge.

G. S. MINER,
CHAIRMAN.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

THE Sabbath is a sacred day and ministers should diligently teach their people the importance of keeping the day holy. With God the observance of the day is of great importance and breaking it as great a sin as breaking any other command.

1. If any member neglects the means of grace the preacher should ascertain the reason and exhort him to attend church.

2. The preachers should urge the women and children to attend church services.

3. The official members should assist the pastor in holding afternoon services either at the church or in the homes, so the people will the more willingly keep the whole day.

4. Probationers who do not stop work and close their shops should not be received into full membership.

5. Sunday Schools should be organized in all the churches.

J. H. WORLEY, CHAIRMAN.
UNG SENG CHUANG, SECRETARY.

FINANCE AND SELF-SUPPORT.

OUR Lord's commendation of the gift of the poor widow who cast but two mites into the treasury teaches us that it is not the amount, but the spirit in which we give that is pleasing to God. The widow received a great blessing in doing what she could, and we fear many Christians lose great blessings by not giving

to the Lord. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." Can we not believe this promise? As missionaries, presiding elders, preachers in charge, and official members we must not only exhort the members of the church to contribute from a sense of duty, but also because of the blessing giving brings. We may be poor, are we poorer than the widow whom Christ said had given more than all those who had cast in of their abundance? Not only giving from a sense of duty and blessing, but a regular and systematic giving must be insisted upon and responded to before the church will become strong and healthy. Let some method be adopted and followed, that will give every worshiper the privilege of regularly replenishing the Lord's treasury. We learn with pleasure that in many places this is done, and the Scriptural ratio of giving followed. We pray that the time may soon come when every Christian will consecrate one tenth to the Lord. That this may be soon accomplished we urge all missionaries, presiding elders, pastors, official members to lead and set the example. It is their duty to inquire into the condition and circumstances of the people, the number of members, the amounts contributed, and thereby see if they are doing their duty, and if not, show them what the Scriptures teach on tithing. Every preacher should preach at least one sermon, every year, to each one of his congregations on systematic giving, and also one on each of the benevolences. Let this latter be strictly adhered to. The people may be poor, and able to give but little, but they should be reminded of what these great benevolent societies are doing for the conversion of the world. Duty demands this. As to self-support, we would advise the missionary in charge, or the presiding elder to visit every charge as soon as possible the first quarter, call the pastor and official members together and get them to coöperate with him in getting every member, probationer, and friend of the church to pledge a weekly amount for the pastor's support. Let the pastor and official board set a good example in this. Adopt the envelope system and collect the subscriptions at each service. As to the benevolences, let there be a sermon preached each year setting forth the importance of each and a subscription taken.

G. S. MINER,
CHAIRMAN.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

	Per month.	Year.
Mrs. Hu Iong Mi	$2.50	$30.00
,, Daing Gieng Ing and one child	3.00	36.00
,, Dang Ging Dong	2.50	30.00
,, Ding Neng Ciek	3.50	42.00
,, Daing Guang Ing	2.50	30.00
,, Sie Huo Mi	2.50	30.00
,, U Seuk Hu and two children	4.00	48.00
,, Sia Sek Ong and one child	3.00	36.00
,, Hu Sing Mi	2.50	30.00
,, Ling Dieu Gek and two children	4.00	48.00
Rev. Ling Heng Tung's child	2.00	24.00
,, Sia Heng To	6.00	72.00
,, Hu Bo Mi	6.00	72.00
,, Pang Ding Hie	4.50	54.00
,, Li Iu Mi's children	2.00	24.00
,, Ling Mi Ing's wife and three children on account of his illness during past year	7.75	93.00
Mrs. Ling Dieu Gek and two children for nine months since Bro. Ling's death.	4.00	36.00
Total	$62.25	$735.00

M. C. WILCOX,

CHAIRMAN.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY WORK.

GIRLS' Boarding Schools 3, Hospitals 3, Girls' Day Schools 49, Women's Schools 7, Bible-women 46, Teachers employed 75, Pupils 1,177, Medical Students 5, Assistants 7, Orphanages 1, Orphans 26.

Total number of patients in Hospitals 13,784; Prescriptions 16,071. Baptisms in Hospitals 31, Receipts from all work $1,613.90. Value of Property $39,450. Mexicans, besides the Ku-cheng Girls' Boarding School not quite completed. For all this work, 13 Missionaries during this last year; but Dr. Hu King Eng was very ill for months, and now two workers have gone to the Home-land for a well earned furlough.

The six districts of the conference, Foochow, Hai-tang, Hok-chiang, Ku-cheng, Iong-bing and Ming-chiang, have been supervised and much personal work planned and done. This work has been provided for by the combined assistance of all the Branches of the W. F. M. Society.

The Foochow Girls' Boarding School completes the 39th year of its history with an enrollment of 145 students; crowded rooms, an added department to its curriculum and a plea for another lady to take charge of this higher work already started. The gift of $1,000. gold from Mrs. Martin and daughter of Milwaukee, Wis., U. S. A. makes the building possible; who will send the Missionary?

The Ku-cheng Boarding School will soon be in its new building; an enrollment of 70 pupils, a course of six years and a class of five to graduate at Chinese New Year's speak, well for a school opened in 1893.

The Hok-chiang Boarding School having now 39 girls, was opened in April, 1896. Good progress made in studies and willing hearts busy in teaching others as well as in gaining knowledge themselves, show what this three year old school is doing.

Ming-chiang pleads for a *like school* for her girls, and prayers are ascending to Him who cares more for the advancement of these girls than even we do.

The Medical Work has had a prosperous year, though for two months of the time one physician spelled the word persecutions, instead. But statistics do not tell all the story of such work. Much teaching of Salvation's truths has been done, and hearts have learned to trust Jesus, and patients have borne witness to this by receiving Christian baptism. When physical healing leads to spiritual renewing, may we not pray God's richest blessing upon such work? One of the triumphs of the year is the purchase, on "Black Rock Hill" in the City, of a large site for enlarging the hospital and building a residence. In all three, is felt the great need of missionaries who can follow up, in homes far and near, the good work begun while patients are ill in the hospitals,

49 Day Schools scattered through the six districts; just that many villages with at least one little light shining through the dense, heathen darkness; 49 teachers trying to hold up the banner of Christ in the midst of difficulties it would be hard for American school teachers to understand. God's word, Christian hymns, foundation truths being instilled into the precious hearts of almost eight hundred of China's future home makers. Does it pay? Aye! a rich harvest in some hearts, though not all the seed can be expected to bring grain to the "Harvest Home."

7 Women's Schools with 120 grown women trying to make up now for the lack of their girlhood. The discouragements are enough to make others sad, but the dear women steadily pursue their earnest way, and come off conquerors in their difficult task. Many of our future workers are here; prayer for them will bring blessings to them. As fruit of these schools, to a great extent,

46 Bible Women have been working in cities, villages and hospitals. They have seen solemn baptisms, triumphant deaths, changed homes. They have taught many to read, visited numbers who were sick, led 1,687 prayer meetings, and proclaimed the message of salvation to 90,277 hearers.

75 Teachers, 5 Medical students and *7 Hospital assistants* claim an interest in your prayers and a share in your thoughts. Faithfully, earnestly, quietly, have they wrought, and they need that we ask God to lead them and fit them for this next year's work.

The Foochow Orphanage with its 26 little ones to be kept and clothed and trained for Jesus' sake, and for future work in this great field. Contentedly, happily, their days pass now. A visit to them is enough to warm any one's heart, and teach lessons of sympathy and hope. "For of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

$1,613.90 Mexicans, in receipts, from all sources, shows that a beginning has been made in self-support, in this work, and gives promise of the more that *shall* be given back by this Christian people in return for the much done for them.

Property to the value of $39,450. Mexicans, shows the permanency of the work, but it cannot show the great lack of suitable buildings in some places. Neither can numbers, receipts, nor property tell you of the great need of more missionaries; of the untilled fields, the unvisited cities, the uncared for children, the uncomforted hearts of mothers, where work could be done, children could be taught, homes and hearts could be brightened: aye! more souls *could* and WOULD be saved, did you who live in a favored Christian land realize your privilege, your opportunity, your debt to Christ and to China!

We are in the midst of troublous times, of stiring changes. History is being made. Will you not help us to write a brighter page in Fuhkien's part, this next year, than we can, without you? God's Spirit is among the people here! may you listen to His voice in your heart!

On behalf of the Woman's Conference,

CARRIE I. JEWELL.

TREASURER SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

THE accompanying financial statement of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society requires explanation on a few points.

1. It will be noticed that the amounts paid for each quarters claims are not the same for all the year.

This was caused 1st by the fact that Hu Bo Mi, who was at first allowed $4.00 per month, had his allowance reduced to $2.00 in view of the fact that he was to have employment as teacher in the Woman's School. He was paid the latter sum for the first quarter, but as he was afterwards employed, I paid him the $4.00 as first granted him, and submit my action to the Conference.

The second difference was in the case of Ling Heng Tung, who died early in the 3rd quarter leaving only a little girl, and acting on the recommendation of Brother Main I only paid for the little girl during the 4th quarter.

2. As heretofore, the claim of Hu Sing Mi has not been paid, as this has been balanced against the interest of his loans. He has recently died and has furnished a quit-claim deed for the Da Ding property, concerning which the Trustees should take suitable action.

3. By an oversight last year the accrued interest on several loans to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, while added to the principal as will will be seen by the statement in the minutes, was also credited to the Current account with the Bank, hence it has been necessary to charge this amount to the account this year.

N. J. PLUMB,
TREASURER.

ASSETS OF THE S. P. A. S.

Loans to individuals:		
No. 7 Uong Giu Mi,	$ 50.	
,, 8 Hu Sing Mi,	200.	
,, 12 Hu Sing Mi,	350.	
,, 14 Iek Ing Guang,	50.	
,, 19 Uong Giu Mi,	30.	
,, 25 Per Hu Bo Mi,	200.	
		$880.00
Loans to H. and S. Bank:		
No. 18	$324.48	
,, 22	624.00	
,, 24	540.80	
,, 26	200.00	
,, 28	757.12	
		$2,446.40
Da Ding property	$1,000.00	
Native Cemetery	170.00	
Deposit in H. and S. Bank	174.47	
		$1,344.47
Balance in hands of Treasurer		3.18
Total assets,		$4,674.05

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY

IN ACCOUNT WITH N. J. PLUMB, TREASURER.

1897-1898 **DR.**		
To paid 1st quarters claims	$153.00	
,, Deposit in H. and S. Bank	200.00	
,, paid 2nd quarters claims	159.00	
,, ,, 3rd ,, ,,	159.00	
,, ,, 4th ,, ,,	151.00	
,, interest on Deposits in H. and S. Bank		
Credited to current account in error (1897)	60.00	
,, ,, ,, ,, (1898)	12.65	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	3.18	
1897-1898 **CR.**		
By balance in hands of Treasurer		$14.48
,, Book Concern Dividend $375		781.25
,, Interest on $200. 6 M. Per Hu Bo Mi $12.		
,, Rent of Da Ding house ,, 11.50		23.50
By Rent of Da Ding shop 5.10		
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, house 12.00		
,, Interest on $200. 3 months 6.00		23.10
By Interest on $50. 2 years		12.00
,, ,, ,, $200. 6 months 12.00		
,, Rent of Da Ding shop 8.50		
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, house 8.00		28.50
By Sale of 5 graves in Cemetery		15.00
	$897.83	$897.83

Examined and found correct,

J. H. WORLEY,
Pres. Board of Trustees.

N. J. PLUMB,
Treasurer.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Districts.	Missionary Collections.	Bishop's Support.
Foochow	$119.85	$25.50
Hai-tang	39.00	6.25
Hok-chiang	68.00	11.50
Iong-bing	29.07	3.80
Ku-cheng	79.05	8.60
Ming-chiang	31.00	9.00
Totals	$365.97	$64.65

W. H. LACY,

TREASURER.

V. RESOLUTIONS.

Benevolences.

WHEREAS, the American Bible Society and the Tract Society and Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years have liberally assited us in our work by grants of books and money; and

Whereas, all three of these Societies have many urgent demands upon their treasuries to which they are unable to respond; and

Whereas, we believe the Methodist Church in China should be educated in the matter of the connectional benevolences of our church; therefore

Resolved: I. That we hereby express our appreciation of the valuable assistance we have received from these Societies

Resolved: II. That as pastors we will instruct our people in the work which these Societies are doing and will take a collection on every circuit for the treasures of these societies.

State of the Church.

It is the opinion of your committee that some regulations should be made regarding betrothals, funerals, etc.

Christian betrothals should not be conformed to heathen customs but should conform to Chinese etiquette where that can be done without conflicting with Christian ideas. In place of the seven paintings of the coffin there might be seven religious services.

Children are neglecting the graves of their parents. We suggest that it would be well to remember the anniversary of the birth and death of parents.

There ought to be Christian cemeteries in every place so that Christians may bury there, and then they should be exhorted to pay no attention to "fung-shui."

1. We therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to consider these points and report at the next session of the conference.

2. Christians ought not to be allowed to bind their children's feet.

3. Infant betrothals should not be allowed among Christians.

4. Preachers ought not to have *Sing-mo-giangs*,

5. Let our preachers be more careful about marrying girls who are too young.

6. Christians should marry among Christians if this is possible. If this is impossible then Christian men may marry heathen girls, provided they are willing to conform to Christian customs, but on no account should Christian girls be married to heathen men.

7. We recommend that pastors should preach at least once a year about the customs of marriages and funerals.

COMPLIMENTARY.

Resolved. 1. That we are grateful for the Providence that has brought Bishop Cranston to preside at our Conference. His presence with us has been profitable to us all. We pray God to be with him and his family during the coming year as they travel over the work in China, Corea and Japan, and that the Holy Spirit may give him the wisdom to rightly perform his official duties.

Resolved. 2. That this Conference express its hearty appreciation of the help we have received from Dr. S. L. Gracey the U. S. Consul at this port.

Resolved. 3. That we extend our sincere thanks to the Committee on Conference program, to Dr. G. B. Smyth, for his very helpful addresses, and to all who have in any way helped to make this session of the Conference so profitable and interesting.

J. SIMESTER,
Chairman.

Memoirs.

Rev. Hu Sing Mi.

THE subject of this memoir was born at the ancestral home near Ching-sing Dong in 1840. His parents were intelligent and influential people in that community. Like most of the members of this large family he possessed a great amount of energy and ability. He early learned the trade of painting and continued this employment for years. He had reached his early manhood when he first heard the Gospel, and in May 1858, when 18 years old, he with his brother Iong Mi was baptized. It was not long before the church saw the possibilities for good in this young man and he was given Exhorter's license. For some time he was employed by Dr. Wentworth in making a map of the city of Foochow and in 1860 went with him to the United States where he spent two years in the family of Mr. John Stevenson, who took a great interest in him and helped him in many ways. While there he acquired a good knowledge of English, and when he returned brought back with him many valuable commentaries and books presented to him by Mr. Stephenson. These proved of great service to him in after years while preaching. During his stay in New York his spiritual life was greatly quickened and he felt that God called him to preach the Gospel to his own people.

He returned to China via San Francisco and saw there a great need of the Gospel being preached to the many Cantonese residing there.

About the time of his arrival at Foochow the Arsenal was opened at Pagoda Anchorage and he was offered a most lucrative position as teacher there, but he refused to allow the tempting offer of a good salary to draw him away from the work of preaching the Gospel to which he felt he was called. As the knowledge of English was not as common then as it is now, good positions were offered him, but he steadfastly refused them all.

He at once entered the ministry and was for several years in Ku-cheng city where he made a lasting impression, and the fruits of his work are seen in the lives of many native Christians of that city.

A few years later he was invited by Dr. Gibson to go to San Francisco and assist him in his work among the Chinese there. About that time he was married to a lady from Canton and his wife accompanied him to San Francisco. He had been ordained Deacon by Bishop Kingsley in 1869, the year preceding this. He remained in San Francisco for 3 years and did valuable service, returning to Foochow just in time to be ordained Elder by Bishop Harris in 1873.

From this time for over 20 years he was either a pastor or Presiding Elder, serving successively Ku-cheng, Hing-hua and Foochow Districts.

While living in Foochow at one time he had his house burned and he suffered greatly in health in his efforts to save his property. This in connection with his many years of arduous labors and travels over large districts, produced a condition of chronic indigestion, which eventually compelled him to retire to the Superannuated ranks and for several years he lived in comparative retirement. He was of a very delicate and sensitive nature and certain complications in the management of the funds of the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society and a feeling that he had been unjustly treated caused him to refrain from any active participation in the proceedings of the Conference.

He was what may be aptly termed a great preacher. His sermons were models of method and arrangement and rich in Scripture truth and carefully wrought out thought. He was a most careful and diligent student of the Bible as well as of other valuable Christian books. His rich stores of knowledge were always drawn upon in his sermons and addresses. His wide experience and practical knowledge made him a very efficient manager of affairs, and proved specially valuable to him in his work as Presiding Elder.

During the past year the clouds lifted somewhat and he was filled with a holy ambition to spend the remainder of his life and strength in preaching in the churches in this vicinity as opportunity offered, and specially requested that he might be invited to preach in the various preaching places near here. This he did until in June when his eldest son Timothy was taken seriously ill and required all his time and strength. His son's death was a severe blow to him and he never rallied from the effects of weeks of nursing day and night of a beloved son.

He gradually grew weaker and weaker and was confined to his bed only two weeks before the end came, on Sunday Oct. 16th.

During his illness he was visited by the pastor and some of the students from the Theological school, and he improved the opportunity to urge upon the young men the great importance of devoting themselves wholly to the work of the ministry while they were well and strong.

He was only 58 years of age when he died but he had served his Master well. He was a truly conscientious man and had been faithful to every responsibility imposed upon him and is now enjoying the faithful servant's reward.

His end was in great peace. When he knew he could not live he made the most careful plans for his death, praying only that he might be spared long enough to get certain business matters attended to satisfactorily, so that others might not be troubled by them. He highly appreciated the few last services and prayers with him. He was ready and even anxious to go and on Sunday Oct. 16th passed to his reward.

N. J. Plumb.

Rev. Ling Dieu Gek.

THE subject of this memoir was a native of Dio-a, in the Bingnang District of this Province.

At an early age he was apprenticed by his parents to learn a trade. In the year 1885, when he was 17 years of age a preacher of the Gospel came to his village. He listened attentively to his message and soon became convinced that it was the truth, with the result that very soon he was converted and openly professed Christ, as his Savior.

While working at his trade during the day he diligently studied his Bible in the evenings. His parents strongly opposed his being a Christian, but this did not change his purpose. He had found a Savior and was satisfied. Zeal for the salvation of others possessed him and he labored hard to bring his parents to Christ. His diligence in preaching to the heathen neighbors, attracted the notice of his pastor who gave him an Exhorter's license, and taught him not only the Bible but helped him to improve his education, and aided him in the study of the more advanced Chinese Classics.

It was not long before he felt that the Savior wanted him to give himself wholly to the work of preaching and for a more thorough equipment he entered the Foochow Theological Seminary where he spent five years in study and preaching. He was a very diligent student as well as Christian worker, and was highly commended by the Monitor, Rev. Dr. Sia Sek Ong, who said he would surely prove a most efficient preacher. His grades were always the highest in the school,

I was in the school at the same time and was greatly impressed with his earnestness and devotion. I often went to him for help, so we became most intimate friends and I loved him very much.

After his graduation his first appointment was at Ngie-cang, where he spent two years of effective service.

His next circuit was "Ne-sek-se Du" where his zeal never flagged. It was not long however before he began to have hemorrhages of the lungs. He was never very strong and when I met him at Conference I urged him to take better care of himself, but he replied, "my body has been given to my Savior and I must not continue to love it as my own." His hemorrhages continued but his zeal increased as he realized that his time on earth was short.

When I last saw him I was greatly pained to see his pale face and his emaciated body. He went down very rapidly and the end soon came, but it was in great peace. On his death bed he had delightful visions of the beautiful city in the better land with its golden streets, its river of the water of life, and its effulgent light, shedding its rays down onto his path through the valley and the shadow of death, and up into the realms of eternal joy and beauty.

At the time of his death he was far from home so that none of his near friends except his sorrowing wife, could be by his side to comfort and cheer him by their presence, or perform the last loving services to his body when the spirit had taken its flight. The heathen neighbors who owned the house in which they lived were cold and unsympathetic, and would not allow the coffin to remain under the roof after the body was placed in it, so it had to be placed outside and exposed to the weather until arrangements could be made for the interment.

Although our brother was not allowed many years of toil and suffering, he earned the reward of those who gave a much longer time of service, and now his soul is at rest with God.

His widow and one child remain to mourn his loss.

DIONG GIU HUA.

Rev. Ling Heng Tung.

THE subject of this memoir was from Dio-a in the Bing-nang District.

When thirteen years of age he was baptized and received into the church by Rev Gong Sing Cae, and when about 18 years of age he was given Exhorter's license and recommended to the Foochow Theological School by Rev. Chiu Hing Deng. Here he spent five years in diligent study and service for the Master. He was highly respected by all his teachers both native and foreign.

After his graduation his first appointment was at Iu-ka in the Iong-bing district, and after that he worked in the Ku-cheng district, where he did most efficient service for the cause of Christ.

Owing to overwork he broke down and about a year ago hemorrhages came on, so at the next Conference he was obliged to ask for a supernumerary appointment to take medical treatment, hoping his health might be restored. He hoped to recover and reënter the active work, but unexpectedly he only grew worse, the disease baffling the best medical skill.

In the third month of this year while very ill he had delightful visions of his Savior, and standing beside him his old teacher Rev. Sia Sek Ong. Not long after he had another view of his Savior, when his soul was filled with inexpressible joy. He then realized that heaven was very near and he earnestly addressed the members of the church and those gathered about him urging them to be faithful to the Savior and not allow themselves to become engrossed in worldly affairs to the neglect of their souls' salvation.

Very shortly after this his spirit took its flight. He was then only 31 years of age and we cannot but feel that although the clay tenement has been destroyed that his soul still lives and is at peace with God; and although we can no longer see his physical form on earth we feel assured that we shall one day enjoy the privilege of meeting and greeting him in that beautitul city beyond the river, where we shall all be "forever with the Lord"

His wife had died some years previously and he left behind him one little girl, who is still too young to fully realize the great loss she has sustained. May she ever find kind friends to give her loving care and train her up in the footsteps of her dear departed parents.

LING UI SIENG.

Part Three.

THE CURRENT YEAR.

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I. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

J. H. WORLEY, P. E.

Post Office, Foochow.

Dai-ngie, Uong Hung Sing.
Dong-ngiang, To be supplied.
Duai-mang-iong, To be supplied.
Foochow:—A-hong-ga, To be supplied.
Bo-ding-haeng, Dang Seng Ling.
Cing-sing Dong, Iek Ing Guang.
Hok-ing Dong, Ciong Hok Cu.
Sieu-liang Dong, Diong Giu Hua.
Tieng-ang Dong, Uong De Gi, and three to be supplied.
Gang-cia, Li Ko Dung.
Guang-nguong-die, Sie Seng Cang.
Iek-iong, To be supplied.
Iong-die, To be supplied.
Lu-loi, To be supplied.
Ngie-cang, To be supplied.
Ngu-kang, To be supplied.
Nguong-die, To be supplied.
Puo-a, To be supplied.
W. H. Lacy, Superintendent of the Mission Press, Treasurer, and Business Agent of the Mission; member of Cing Sing Dong Quarterly Conference.

G. S. Miner, Superintendent of Day Schools supported by special gifts; member of Sieu Liang Dong Quarterly Conference.

N. J. Plumb, President of Theological School and Teacher in Anglo-Chinese College.

Hu Caik Hang, Professor in Theological School.

G. B. Smyth, President of Anglo-Chinese College, Lecturer in Theological School, and Editor of Chinese Christian Advocate.

James Simester, Vice-President of Theological School and Principal of Boys' Boarding School.

The four preceeding shall be members of Tieng-ang Dong Quarterly Conference.

Uong De Gi, Assistant Editor Chinese Christian Advocate.

Sia Tieng Ang, left without appointment to attend school.

Ben H. Marsh, Professor in Anglo-Chinese College and student of the Chinese language.

Mrs. Alice H. Smyth, Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy, Mrs. N. J. Plumb, and Mrs. Winifred Smack Simester, Teachers in Anglo-Chinese College.

Miss E. C. Pinkney, Teacher in Foochow Graded School.

Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, absent in the United States on leave.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

NGOI GI LANG, P. E. M. C. WILCOX, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Bang-tang-giang, Uong Hung Ngung.
Dai-bang, Li Gi Chiong.
Dai-ho, To be supplied.
Dai-liang, To be supplied.
Deng-chiong, To be supplied.
Hung-mui, To be supplied.
Ngieu-seu and Bah-sua, Ceng Ung Uong and two to be supplied.
Sang-le, Go Diek Sieng and one to be supplied.
Tang-tau, Ngoi Gi Lang and to be supplied.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

HUONG PAU SENG, P. E. M. C. WILCOX, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

A-gong-ing, To be supplied.
Buang-tau, To be supplied.
Deng-aing, U Siu Ling.
Deng-diong, To be supplied.
Geng-giang, Huong Daik Chiong and one to be supplied.
Guang-kau, To be supplied.

Hai-ieu, Ho Dieu Iu.
Hai-kau, Ciong Daik Liong and Huong Do Nguong.
Ha-u, To be supplied.
Hok-chiang City, U Sieu E and to be supplied.
Liang-tau, Tobe supplied.
Nang-iong, Iong Hie Ung.
Ngu-cheng, Ding Hieng Ngieu and one to be supplied.
Ngu-ka, Ung Uong Cui.
Sang-sang, To be supplied.
Siek-geng, Ung Seng Chuang.
Sing-dong, Ling Mi Ing and one to be supplied.
Siong-gong-ing, Siek Gi Ciong.
Boys' Boarding School, M. C. Wilcox, Principal.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

W. A. MAIN, P. E.

Post Office, Foochow.

Au-liang, To be supplied.
Chong-tau, To be supplied.
Deng-ka, To be supplied.
Ding-sang, Tiang Nguk Ceu.
Dio-a, Ding Siu Kung.
Dong-huang, Ling Seu Ing.
Duai-giang, Ding Bo Cing, and one to be supplied.

Go-iong, Ling Dieu Daik.
Huang-de-iong, To be supplied.
Huang-kang, To be supplied.
Ku-cheng City:—Fifth Ward, Ling Ui Sieng,
First Ward, Tiang Nguk Chiu and one to be supplied.
Ku-de, Ding Dai Liong and one to be supplied.
Liang-tau, Two to be supplied.
Loi-hung, Ding Bek Dak.
Sek-baik Du, Diong Ming Dung.
Sek-chek Du, Tiang Siong Hui and one to be supplied.
Seng-iong, Two to be supplied.
Seng-leng, and Lang-ka, To be supplied.
J. E. Skinner, M. D., Superintedent of Wiley General Hospital.
Mrs. S. Lawrence Skinner, M. D., Medical work among women.
Schell-Cooper Academy, W. A. Main, Principal.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

DING DENG DIEU, P. E. W. A. MAIN, Misssionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Ciong-hu-buang, To be supplied.
Hu-nguong, One to be supplied.
Iong-bing City, Cung Daik Ming.
Iong-kau, Co Kong Ching.
Iu-ka, Diong Seuk Buo.

Sa-giang, To be supplied.

Sek-chek Du, Ding Ciu U.

Sek-baik Du, To be supplied.

Sek-se Du, To be supplied.

Seng-chiong, Two to be supplied.

Sing-gie, Two to be supplied.

Sa-kung, Two to be supplied.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

DING UNG TIU, P. E. J. H. WORLEY, Missionary.

Post Office, Foochow.

Chek Du, Two to be supplied.

Cio-a, To be supplied.

Ciong-iong, Ling Seu Uong and one to be supplied.

Lek Du, Ding Iok Nguong and Ngu Go Song.

Ming-chiang City, Two to be supplied.

Ne Du, Ding Cing Seng and one to be supplied.

Sang Du and Se Du, Two to be supplied.

Sek-chek Du, To be supplied.

Sek-ek Du, Two to be supplied.

Sek-ne Du, To be supplied.

Sek-ngo Du, Lau Guang Hung and one to be supplied.

Sek-se Du, Li Guong Siu and one to be supplied.

Boys' Boarding School, Ding Ung Tiu, Principal.

Jesse F. Newman, E. R. Jellison, Nieh Chen Yi, Hu Chi Pin, Tsu Tsing Chen, Wu Teh Yuen, Tien Yu Ming, Li Yuen Shen, Wilbur F. Wilson, Arthur J. Bowen, Hwang Tsz Sing, Chang Shuh Liang, Tai Ku Chen, Cheo Teng Yin, Kiang Ming Chih, Chu Mei Fu, Sung Cheng Tsai, Tsai Wen Yuen, Missionaries in Central China.

James O. Curnow, Missionary in West China.

W. F. M. S. APPOINTMENTS.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Seminary:—To be supplied.

Girls' Boarding School:—

High School Deparment, To be supplied.
Intermediate Department, Julia Bonafield.
Primary Department, Mable Allen.

Teacher of English:—Mrs. Winifred Smack Simester.

Orphanage:—Mable Allen.

Day Schools:—Julia Bonafield.

Training School, Bible Women, and Liang-au Hospital Evangelistic Work:—Carrie I. Jewell.

Women and Children's Hospital:—Dr. Ellen M. Lyon.

Woolston Memorial Hospital:—Dr. Hu King Eng.

Evangelistic Work in Woolston Memorial Hospital:—Mrs. N. J. Plumb.

MING-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Training School, Day Schools, and Bible Women:—Mary Peters.

Medical Work:—Dr. Mary E. Carleton.

HOK-CHIANG DISTRICT.

Girls' Boarding School, Training School, Day Schools, and Bible Women:—Lydia A. Trimble.

HAI-TANG DISTRICT.

Training School, Day Schools, and Bible Women:—L. A. Trimble.

KU-CHENG DISTRICT.

Girls' Boarding School and Day Schools:—Mabel C. Hartford.

Training School, Romanized School, and Bible Women:—Allie Linam.

IONG-BING DISTRICT.

Training School:—Mabel C. Hartford.

Day Schools and Bible Women:—Allie Linam.

Treasurer:—Mrs. Alice H. Smyth.

Business Agent:—Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy.

Home on Leave:—Dr. Luella M. Masters, Lydia A. Wilkinson.

Left without appointment to return home:—Willma H. Rouse.

II. STANDING COMMITTEES NOMINATED FOR 1899.

1. On Education; J. Simester, Ciong Hok Cu, Huong Pau Seng.

2. On Sabbath Observance and Sunday Schools; N. J. Plumb, Li Guong Sieu, Ling Seu Ing.

3. Conference Relations; N. J. Plumb, M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Worley, W. A. Main, Uong De Gi, U Sieu E, Ceng Ung Uong, Hu Caik Hang, Ding Dai Liong, Ding Iok Nguong.

4. Self Support; W. H. Lacy, G. B. Smyth, Lau Guang Hung, Ding Siu Kung, Ding Deng Dieu, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ngoi Gi Lang.

5. Religious Literature; G. B. Smyth, Hu Caik Hang, Uong De Gi.

6. Epworth League; G. S. Miner, Diong Giu Hua, Ding Dai Liong.

7. Temperance; Ben H. Marsh, Dang Seng Ling, Ciong Daik Liong.

III. EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations begin on the Monday preceding Conference at Ku-cheng. The list below arranges the candidates in connection with the Committees which examine them, and omits such as will be examined elsewhere.

I. Admission On Trial.

1.—STUDIES.

(a) FOR EXAMINATION:—Genesis; Matthew; John; Catechism with Illustrations; Compend of Doctrine; Discipline, Part III; Geography by Mrs. Baldwin; Arithmetic; Elements of Geology; Buddhism by Dr. Edkins.

(b) FOR RECITATION:—Job 38; Paslms 2, 24, 27, 50; Rom. 12; Eph. 3; Rev. 22.

(c) TO BE READ:—Universal History, Vol. I. by D. Z. Sheffield; China and Her Neighbors, Y. J. Allen; Prophecy fulfilled in Christ; Life of Wesley, by Mrs. Sites; Wesley's Sermons, by J. Lambuth.

(d) SERMON:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION:—G. B. Smyth, Ding Hieng Ngieu, Ding Ung Tiu.

3.—CANDIDATES:—To be recommended by District Conferences.

2. First Year.

1.—STUDIES.

(a) FOR EXAMINATION:—Exodus; Joshua; Luke; Acts; I. & II. Peter; Compend of Theology, Vol. I. to II. ch. 4; Church History, Part One; Discipline, Parts 3—6; Confucianism vs Christianity; Natural Theology, Vol. I. & II. by A. Williamson.

(b) FOR RECITATION:—Exodus 20; II. Chronicles 6; Psalm 32, 42, 84, 103; Mark 10; II. Cor. 6; Eph 6.

(c)—TO BE READ:—Life of Christ by A. Williamson; Universal History, Vols. II. III. & IV.

(d) SERMON:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION:—M. C. Wilcox, Tiang Nguk Ceu, Sie Seng Cang.

3.—CANDIDATES:—Ngu Go Sung, Go Die Sieng, Sia Tieng Ang Huong Do Nguong.

3. Second Year.

1.—STUDIES.

(a) FOR EXAMINATION:—Psalms 1, 72; Mark; I. and II. Cor.; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; Church History Part II. to end; Compend of Theology, Vol. II. to end; Bible Hand Book, O. T. Part One, by N. J. Plumb; Physiology; Natural Theology. Vol. III. & IV.

(b) FOR RECITATION:—Gen. 9; Job. 14; Psalms 11, 51, 90, 91; Matt. 5, 6, 7.

(c) TO BE READ:—Universal History, Vol. V. to end; History of Christian Civilization, by E. Faber.

(d) SERMON:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION:—W. H. Lacy, U Sieu E, Ding Deng Dieu.

3.—CANDIDATES:—Iong Hie Ung, Ling Seu Uong.

4. Third Year.

1.—STUDIES.

(a) FOR EXAMINATION:—Isaiah; I. and II. Tim.; Hebrews; Evidences of Christianity, Vol. I. by W. A. P. Martin; Bible Hand Book O. T. Part Two; Astronomy by Baldwin and Sites; Manual for Native Evangelists by J. L. Nevius; Christ and Confucius by W. Muirhead.

(b) FOR RECITATION:—Proverbs 1—4; Eccles. 12; Isa. 35, 53; John 3; Gal. 5.

(c) TO BE READ:—Ancient Religions and Philosophies by A. Williamson; Ancestral Worship; Doctrine of the Resurrection; How to Win Souls, by Miss Sites.

(d) SERMON:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION:—J. H. Worley, Huong Pau Seng, Uong De Gi.

3.—CANDIDATES:—Ho Dieu Iu, Uong Hung Ngung.

5. Fourth Year.

1—STUDIES.

(a) FOR EXAMINATION:—Ruth; Esther; Psalms, 70 to the end; Daniel; Hosea; Romans; James; Elements of Divinity, by J. W. Lambuth; Moral Philosophy by J. L. Whiting; Bible Hand Book N. T.

(b) FOR RECITATION:—Psalms 116; John 14—17.

(c) TO BE READ:—How to Enrich the Nation, W. A. P. Martin; Commentary on Mark by E. Faber.

(d) SERMON:—Prepared impromptu.

2.—COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION:—G. S. Miner, Ding Siu Kung, Ding Iok Nguong.

3.—CANDIDATES:—Siek Gi Ciong, Ling Dieu Daik, Ung Uong Cui, Li Ko Dung, Li Gi Chiong, Co Kong Ching, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Beh Dak.

6. For Exhorter's License.

1—STUDIES.

(a) FOR EXAMINATION:—Bible Picture Book, by Mrs. Sites; M. E. Church Rules 25; M. E. Church Discipline 28—35; Matthew.

(b) FOR RECITATION:—Exodus 20; Apostles Creed; Psalms: 38, 46, 128; Matthew 13.

(c) TO BE READ:—Mark; Luke; John; Acts; Pilgrim's Progress; Life of Wesley.

7. For Local Orders.

In addition to the books studied by Exhorters the following:—Arithmetic by O. Gibson, Elements of Physical Geography, by Mrs. C. C. Baldwin. The Four Books, Chinese Classics.

2.—COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION:—W. A. Main, Ngoi Gi Lang.

3.—CANDIDATES:—(Not Reported).

IV. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. To Examine Teachers of Girls' Schools:—Uong De Gi, Hu Caik Hang, U Sieu E.
2. To Examine Medical Students:—N. J. Plumb, G. B. Smyth, Uong De Gi.
3. To Examine Theological School:—Diong Giu Hua, Ciong Hok Cu, Ding Ung Tiu.
4. To Examine the Anglo-Chinese College:—Hu Caik Hang, Huong Pau Seng.
5. Epworth League Secretaries:—

Conference Secretary	J. Simester.
Foochow District	Hu Sie Guong.
Hai-tang ,,	Ceng Ung Uong.
Hok-chiang ,,	U Siu E.
Iong-bing ,,	Cung Daik Ming.
Ku-cheng ,,	Tiang Nguk Chiu.
Ming-chiang ,,	Miss M. Peters.

6. Chinese Christian Advocate:—ASSISTANT EDITOR, Uong De Gi.

   FOOCHOW CONFERENCE MEMBER OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE, Wm. H. Lacy.
7. To Prepare Conference Program for 1899:—The Presiding Elder of Foochow District, the Pastor of Tieng-ang Dong and W. H. Lacy.
8. To edit and Publish Conference Minutes:—N. J. Plumb, W. H. Lacy, J. Simester, Ciong Hok Cu, Uong De Gi.

V. FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

The Conference elected Fraternal Delegates and Correspondents, as follows:

DELEGATES TO

AMERICAN BOARD MISSION:—G. B. Smyth, Hu Caik Hang.

ANGLICAN MISSION:—J. H. Worley, Ding Deng Dieu.

HING-HUA MISSION CONFERENCE:—W. H. Lacy, U Sieu E.

TO WRITE TO

NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE:—W. A. Main, Diong Giu Hua.

CENTRAL ,, ,, Jas. Simester, Uong De Gi.

WEST ,, MISSION:—M. C. Wilcox, Ciong Hok Cu.

Ling Cing Mi:—Ciong Hok Cu. Dr. Baldwin:—N. J. Plumb.

VI. BOARD OF DEACONESSES.

Vacancies in the Board of Deaconesses were filled so that the Board was constituted as follows:

G. B. Smyth, President.

J. Simester,	Hu Caik Hang,
Ding Ung Tiu,	Ding Deng Dieu.
Miss L. A. Trimble,	Miss J. A. Bonafield.
Miss A. Linam,	Miss W. H. Rouse.

VII. TRUSTEES OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

FOR THREE YEARS:—W. H. Lacy, Huong Pau Seng, Ding Ung Tiu.

FOR TWO YEARS:—G. B. Smyth, Iek Ing Guang, Uong De Gi.

FOR ONE YEAR:—N. J. Plumb, J. H. Worley, Hu Caik Hang.

VIII. SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON:—Uong De Gi.
Alternate, U Sieu E.

TO PREACH THE CONFERENCE SERMON:—G. B. Smyth.
Alternate, Ciong Daik Liong.

IX. CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

ELDERS.

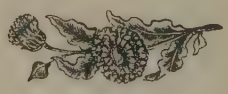
1889	Ceng Ung Uong	Ngieu-seu and Bah-sua	Hai-tang	District	1
1873	Ciong Daik Liong	Hai-kau	Hok-chiang	,,	2
1879	Dang Seng Ling	Bo-ding Haeng	Foochow	,,	1
1892	Ding Bo Cing	Duai-giang	Ku-cheng	,,	4
1888	Ding Dai Liong	Ku-de	,,	,,	2
1892	Ding Deng Dieu	Presiding Elder	Iong-bing	,,	1
1888	Ding Hieng Ngieu	Ngu-cheng	Hok-chiang	,,	1
1892	Ding Giu U	Sek-chek Du	Iong-bing	,,	1
1884	Ding Iok Nguong	Lek-du	Ming-ching	,,	2
1877	Ding Siu Kung	Dio-a	Ku.cheng	,,	4
1879	Ding Ung Tiu	Presiding Elder	Ming-chiang	,,	2
1877	Diong Ming Dung	Sek-baik Du	Ku-cheng	,,	3
1878	Diong Seuk Buo	Iu-ka	Iong-bing	,,	3
1894	Diong Giu Hua	Siu-liang Dong	Foochow	,,	1
1879	Hu Caik Hang	Monitor School of Theology	,,	,,	3
1860	Hu Bo Mi	Superannuate	,,	,,	2
1877	Huong Daik Chiong	Geng-giang	Hok-chiang	,,	1
1878	Huong Pau Seng	Presiding Elder	,,	,,	2
1864	Iek Ing Guang	Cing-sing Dong	Foochow	,,	1
1893	Lacy Wm. H.	Superintendent Mission Press Treasurer and Business Agent	,, ,,	,, ,,	2 5
1877	Lau Guang Hung	Sek-ngo Du	Ming-chiang	,,	1
1889	Li Guong Sieu	Sek-se Du	,,	,,	1
1889	Ling Mi Ing	Sing-dong	Hok-chiang	,,	3
1879	Ling Seu Ing	Dong-huang	Ku-cheng	,,	4
1892	Ling Ui Sieng	Ku-cheng City	,,	,,	1
1891	Main W. A.	P. E. Ku-cheng and Missionary	Iong-bing	,,	1
1880	Miner G. S.	Superintendent of Day Schools Supported by Special Gifts	Foochow	,,	4
1875	Ngoi Gi Lang	Presiding Elder	Hai-tang	,,	2
1873	Pang Ding Hie	Superannuate	Foochow	,,	2
1870	Plumb N. J.	President School of Theology	,,	,,	4
1878	Sia Heng To	Superannuate	,,	,,	3
1878	Sie Seng Cang	Guang-nguong Die	,,	,,	1
1897	Simester J.	Vice President School of Theology	,,	,,	1
1881	Smyth Geo. B.	President Anglo-Chinese College	,,	,,	15
1889	Tiang Nguk Ceu	Ding-sang	Ku-cheng	,,	1
1889	Tiang Nguk Ling	Ku-cheng City	,,	,,	1
1892	Tiang Siong Hui	Sek-chek Du	,,	,,	5
1894	Uong Huong Sing	Dai-ngie	Foochow	,,	1
1878	U Sieu E	Hok-chiang City	Hok-chiang	,,	1
1894	U Sieu Ling	Deng-aing	,,	,,	2
1892	Ung Sing Chuang	Siek-geng	,,	,,	2
1889	Uong De Gi	Tieng-ang Dong	Foochow	,,	4
1894	Uong Hung Nguong	Bang-tang Giang	Hai-tang	,,	1
1880	Wilcox M. C.	Missionary Hok-chiang and	,,	,,	2
1880	Worley J. H.	Presiding Elder Missionary	Foochow Ming-chiang	,, ,,	6 4

DEACONS.

1893	Ciong Hok Cu	Hok-ing Dong	Foochow District	1
1893	Co Kong Ching	Iong-kau	Iong-bing ,,	1
1893	Cung Daik Ming	Iong-bing City	,, ,,	2
1893	Ding Bek Dak	Loi-hung	Ku-cheng ,,	2
1892	Ding Cing Seng	Ne-du	Ming-chiang ,,	3
1893	Ho Dieu Iu	Hai-ieu	Hok-chiang ,,	1
1895	Li Gi Chiong	Dai-bang	Hai-tang ,,	2
1890	Li Ko Dung	Gang-cia	Foochow ,,	3
1895	Ling Dieu Daik	Go-iong	Ku-cheng ,,	3
1893	Siek Gi Ciong	Siong-gong Ing	Hok-chiang ,,	1
1895	Ung Uong Cui	Ngu-ka	,, ,,	1
1893	Tsu Tsing Cheng		Central China.	

PROBATIONERS.

1897	Bowen A. J.		Central China.	
1895	Chang Shuh Ling		,, ,,	
1896	Chen Mei Fu		,, ,,	
1896	Chen Teng Yiu		,, ,,	
1896	Curnow Jas. O.	Elder	West ,,	
1898	Go Diek Sieng	Sang-le	Hai-tang Dist.	1
1895	Hu Che Ping		Central China.	
1897	Huong Do Nguong	Hai-kau	Hok-chiang Dist.	2
1895	Huang Tsu Sing		Central China.	
1896	Iong Hie Ung	Nang-iong	Hok-chiang Dist.	2
1895	Jellison E. R.		Central China.	
1895	Kiang Ming Chih		,, ,,	
1896	Li Yuen Shen		,, ,,	
1897	Ling Seu Uong	Ciong-iong	Foochow Dist.	1
1898	Ngu Go Sung	Lek-du	Ming-chiang Dist.	1
1895	Sia Tieng Ang	In the United States		2
1896	Tai Ku Chen		Central China.	
1895	Tieng Yu Ming		,, ,,	
1893	Tsu Tsing Cheng		,, ,,	
1895	Wu Tek Yuen		,, ,,	



Part Four.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

I. Missionaries, Educational Institutions, Property.

II. Part I. Membership, etc.

III. Part II. Financial.

NOTE. Property valuations and contributions are reported in Mexican dollars, worth about fifty cents U. S. currency.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

REV. W. A. MAIN, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The tabulated statistics do not include the following items:—

Foreign Missionaries ..... 11.
Assistant Foreign Missionaries ..... 9.
Foreign Missionaries of the W. F. M. S ..... 12.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Anglo-Chinese College,	Foreign teachers	6.
" " "	Native teachers	10.
" " "	Students	274.
" " "	Students' Fees	$3261.
Foochow Theological School,	Foreign missionary teachers	2.
" " "	Native teachers	3.
" " "	Students	39.

PROPERTY.

	Mexicans.
Anglo-Chinese College, Two Dormitories and Apparatus	$26,000
Eight Residences at Foochow and Ku-cheng	$20,000
Two Native Parsonages	$1,700
Wiley General Hospital, Ku-cheng	$4,000
Foochow Mission Press Building	$5,000
Mission Press: Type, Presses, Stores, Stock, &c	$25,000

Foochow Conference Statistical Tables, Part I.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	*Native Ordained Preachers.*	*Native Unordained Preachers.*	*Local Preachers.*	*Exhorters.*	*W. F. M. S. Native Women helpers.*	*Members.*	*Probationers.*	*No. of Deaths.*	*No. of Baptized Children.*	*Adults Baptized.*	*Children Baptized.*	*No. of Epworth Leagues.*	*No. of Epworth League Members.*	*No. of Sabbath Schools.*	*No of Sabbath School Teachers.*	*No. of Sabbath School Scholars.*	*No of Boys in Boarding School.*	*No. of Day Schools.*	*No. of Day School Pupils.*
Foochow District.																			
A-hong Ga				2	1	16	12		2	8	3			1	2	60		2	62
Bo-deng Haeng	1			1	1	40	31	2	2	6	2			1	2	65		10	220
Cing-sing Dong	1	1	3	2		38	50	1	10	12		1	20	1	10	300		17	539
Hok-ing „	1		1	2	1	55	70	2	22	14	6			2	5	70		35	845
Sieu-liang „	1		2	5	1	55	67	2	18	8	5	1	46	1	2	120		21	579
Tieng-ang „	4		26	37	16	263	307	10	55	40	11	4	180	4	37	560	40	36	650
Gang-cia	1				1	3	30	1	3	6				1	1	30		6	82
Iong-die			1	1	1	19	50		3	5	3	1	30	1	1	30		5	55
Iek-iong			3	3	1	62	86		18	7	5	1	64	3	5	160		5	91
Lu-loi			2	3		22	39	1	9	4								3	45
Ngie-cang				2		23	28		7	6				2	2	160		8	173
Ngu-kang			1	1		52	46	1	14	13	6	1	15	2	2	50		5	158
Nguong-die	1		2	10	2	66	50	1	9	15		3	70	5	5	100		5	96
Puo-a			1	4	2	42	51	4	16	9	1	1	20	1	1	30		9	250
Total	10	1	42	73	27	756	917	25	188	153	42	13	445	25	75	1735	40	167	3845

Ming-chiang District.																			
Ciong-iong			3	4		31	37		11	13	3	1	16	2	2	40		3	50
Lĕk Du	2		4	13	4	106	16	1	34	16	7	2	80	1	10	90	32	3	50
Chek Du			1	2	1	24	15		9	14	3	1	18	1	3	30		3	65
Ming-chiang City			2	4	1	37	28	1	9	7	2	1	10	1	2	18		3	50
Ne Du	1		2	4	1	73	28	3	8	14		2	50	3	3	60		5	89
Sang Du and Se Du			2	2		47	30	2	5	10	2	3	30	2	2	50		3	48
Sek-ek Du			2	1		16	8	1	4	6		1	10	1	2	16		2	32
Sek-chek Du	1			2	1	31	15	2	10	7	1			2	2	30		2	30
Sek-lek Du			3	2	1	46	56	1	38	26	14	2	40	2	5	60		3	47
Sek-ne Du			1	2		12	8		5	4				1	1	15		1	16
Sek-ngo Du	1		2	7	3	108	43	2	94	12	8	2	100	3	3	150		4	77
Sek-se Du			3	5	3	65	73	1	24	16	5	3	146	3	6	146		4	67
Total	5		25	48	15	596	357	14	251	145	45	18	500	22	41	705	32	36	621
Iong-bing District.																			
Ciong-hu-bang	1	1	1	2	2	85	2	2	45	3	5	1	20	2	2	50		1	25
Hu-nguong		1	1	1		22	4		18	1				1	1	30			
Iong-bing City	1	2	2	3	1	47	150		11	25	2	1	30	1	1	30		1	20
Iu-ka	1	1	2	3		46	91	3	80	19	18	2	30	4	4	70			
Sa-kaing		1	1	1		17	27		7	7	7			1	1	15			
Sek chek Du		2		4		27	13		10	2	1	2	20	2	2	40			
Sek-se Du		1	1	2		20	11			7				1	1	15			
Sing-gio and Sa-kang-kau		2		1		35	13		12	12	4	1	20	2	2	40			
Song chiong and long-kau	1	3		3		46	91	3	8	19	18	2	30	4	4	70			
Total	4	14	8	20	3	345	432	8	191	95	55	9	150	18	18	360		2	45

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	W. F. M. S. Native Women helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Sabbath School Teachers.	No. of Sabbath School Scholars.	No of Boys in Boarding School.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day School Pupils.
Hok-chiang District.																			
A-gong-ing	1			1		13	43		14		1			3	3	20			
Buang-tau	1		1			54	59	3	43	7	19			1	1	10		1	
Deng-aing	1		1		3	45	60		17					4	4	40			17
Deng-cheng			2	1		15	11		14					1	1	7		1	17
Deng-diong			1			2	12	1										2	55
Geng-giang	1		2	7	1	176	183	1	119	27	14	3	111	4	5	98		2	42
Hai-ieu	1		3	2	1	100	156	2	57	10	7			6	6	50		1	25
Hai-kau	1		3	1		86	90		25	10	5			2	2	60		1	20
Ha-u			3		1	57	56	2	44	3	4			2	2	40		1	20
Hok-chiang City	2			6		60	40	1	27	3	2	1	15	4	4	60		1	18
Liang-tau	1			1		43	41		20	4	3			1	1	20		1	18
Nang-iong		1				14	20		4	2	3			2	1	16		2	43
Ngu-cheng	4		6	14	7	168	332	3	117	30	16	3	15	5	15	250	20	1	17
Ngu-ka	1		1	1	1	35	40	1	11	6	1			4	4	40			
Sang-sang			1			27	60		10	3	4	1	13	1	1	20			
Siek-geng	1			6	2	101	133		51	18	3	1	16	1	1	10		1	20
Sing-dong	1	1	5	2	3	147	198	1	86	13	7	2	61	10	4	70		3	56
Siong-gong-ing	1		1	2		80	144		85	9	9			3	4	85		1	19
Total	17	2	30	45	19	1223	1678	15	744	145	98	11	231	54	59	896	20	19	367

Ku-cheng District.																		
Chong-tau				2	2	23	18	1	3	6	1	1	34	1	1	30	3	1	15
Ding-sang	1		1	2	2	31	18		10	7		2	50	2	3	60	4	1	15
Dio-a	1			2	2	81	13	2	24	5	3	1	50	1	1	50	1	1	17
Dong-huang	1		2	3	2	51	25	3	37	13	17	1	55	1	1	50	1	1	13
Dai-giang	1	1	1	1	4	27	40		15	7	7	3	27	3	3	40		1	18
Go-iong	1		1	3	1	46	17	1	17	8	3	1	46	1	1	50	6	1	15
Huang-de-iong		1	1			23	12	1	13			3	12	1	2	12	2		
Huang-kang	1	1	1	2	1	31	15		15	6	1	1	40	1	1	16	1	1	15
Ku-cheng City	3	1	4	13	12	150	58	1	50	25	5	5	270	3	23	250	56	2	40
Ku-de	1		3	8	3	81	20		39	12	2	2	55	2	3	60		2	31
Liang-tau	2	3	3	8	4	129	38	2	64	90	5	6	106	6	6	200		4	60
Loi-hung	3	1	2	1	1	36	11	3	15	1	4	1	40	1	1	40	1	1	18
Sek-baik Du	1		2	3	1	37	90	1	18	4	3	1	52	1	1	45	1		
Sek-chek Du	1		1	2	2	40	65		15	10	1	1	62	2	3	60		2	32
Seng-iong and Dio-siong	1	2	3	5	2	45	72	3	18	24	16	3	117	3	3	120	1	1	16
Seng-leng and Lang-ka			1	3	2	42	12		15	5		2	42	2	2	50	1	1	16
Total	18	10	26	58	41	873	524	18	368	223	68	34	1054	31	55	1128	78	20	321
Hai-tang District.																			
Bang-tang-giang	1		1	1		32	27	1	17	3	2	1	30	1	1	20		2	45
Sang-le	1		1	3	1	65	70	3	37			1	15	3	3	15		6	122
Dai-bang	1		4	6	2	59	40	2	33	6	11	1	45	2	2	45		6	122
Dai-ho			1			41	42		24	2	5			1	1	45		2	43
Dai lieng			1			2	22							1	1	6			
Deng-chiong			1			11	26		7	1				1	1	12			
Tang-tau	2		3	1	2	61	33		26	5	3	1	55	5	5	55		1	23
Ngiuk-seu and Bah-sua	1		3	3	4	128	206	1	69	15	8	1	122	5	5	280		8	175
Total	6		15	14	9	399	466	7	213	32	29	5	267	19	19	478		25	530

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Foochow District.												
A-hong Ga	$ 36.00	1	$		$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$	$ 5.00	$ 25.00	$ 22.30	$ 2.00	80
Bo-ding Haeng	132.00	1	300	1	1.00	9.50		6.00	40.00	3.00	4.00	70
Cing-sing Dong	295.60	1	2000		2.00	15.00		8.00	45.00	5.00	10.00	70
Hok ing „	483.00	2	3000	1	1.00	15.00		10.00	90.00		5.00	80
Sieu-liang „	323.00	1	300		1.50	14.00	9.00	3.00	54.60		4.00	120
Tieng-ang „	280.00	5	9000	4	13.00	60.00	31.00	67.70	342.27	25.00	90.00	900
Gang-cia	150.00			1		.50		.80	13.00			120
long-die		1			.50	2.00		1.20	13.50			45
lek-iong	68.00	4	550			1.35		3.00	30.65	2.00		160
Lu-loi	30.00	2	700	1	1.00	4.00			12.00			50
Ngie-cang	119.00	1		1	.50	1.00	1.00	1.05	14.15		2.50	50
Ngu-kang	210.00	3	500		1.80	2.00	1.80	3.00	18.40			190
Nguong-die	200.00	1	800	2	1.50	3.00		1.50	18.40			80
Puo-a	170.00	1		1	.50	1.00	1.00	4.50	35.00		9.50	100
Total	$ 2496.00	24	$ 17150	12	$ 25.30	$ 129.35	$ 43.80	$ 109.75	$ 751.97	$ 57.30	$ 127.00	2115

Ming-chiang District.													
Ciong-iong	$ 36.00	1	$ 400		$ .50	$ 2.00	$ 6.40	$ .50	$ 26.60	$ 30.00	$		60
Lĕk Du	24.00	2	1260	1	1.00	9.00	24.96	17.00	102.14	56.00	11.00		130
Chek Du	24.50			1	.50	1.00	3.52		13.18				30
Ming-chiang City	40.00	1	106	1	.50	2.00	3.84	.40	25.96		6.00		200
Ne Du	72.00	1	400		1.00	2.00	14.08	1.00	40.17				120
Sang Du and Se Du	22.00			1	.50	1.50	8.24	.20	15.66				30
Sek-ek Du	20.00	1	325		.50	1.50	3.84	.40	8.06		.20		38
Sek-chek Du	10.00			2	1.00	2.00	10.40	.50	17.95	25.00			50
Sek-lek Du	30.00				.50	2.00	8.24	.80	32.06				130
Sek-ne Du	7.20			1	.50	1.50	6.72		6.68				30
Sek-ngo Du	35.50			2	1.00	4.00	12.80	.50	55.70		4.50		250
Sek-se Du	39.00	1	300		1.50	2.50	11.76	.50	37.04	13.00			150
Total	$ 358.20	7	$ 2791	9	$ 9.00	$ 31.00	$ 114.80	$ 21.80	$ 382.20	$ 124.00	$ 21.70		1218
Iong-bing District.													
Ciong-hu-buang		3	$ 1000	1	$ .50	$ 6.00		$ 2.65	$ 20.83	$	$		50
Hu-nguong		1	200		.40	2.60		2.90	30.00				15
Iong-bing City		4	700	2	1.00	3.00			70.00	70.00	140.00		50
Iu-ka		3	500	2	.40	3.00		.55	27.40	170.00			80
Sa-gaing					.20	2.60		1.25	44.00	6.20			50
Sek-chek Du		2	440	1	.20	5.05		.10	11.40	240.00			20
Sek-se Du		1	500		.30	2.00		.50	5.00				20
Sing-gio and Sa-ka-kau		1		1	.50	2.60		.95	14.50	6.00			30
Song-chiong and Iong-kau		3	500	2	.40	3.00		.55	27.40	170.00	23.25		80
Total		18	$ 3840	9	$ 3.80	$ 29.25		$ 10.10	$ 247.40	$ 662.30	$ 163.25		395

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Hok-chiang District.												
A-gong-ing	$		$	1	$ .50	$ 1.60	$	$ 21.00	$ 31.00	$	$	40
Buang-tau				2	.50	3.00	1.00	.30	22.00	2.00	8.00	100
Deng-aing	12.00	2	370	2	.50	1.00	2.00	3.00	16.00	12.00	15.00	80
Deng-cheng	10.00				.20	1.00	1.00	4.80				27
Deng-diong	30.00			1					3.00			8
Geng-giang	44.00	7	2148	1	1.00	8.00	3.00	29.00	80.00	32.00	53.00	496
Hai-ieu	17.00	4	1800	2	1.00	5.00	2.50	6.20	52.00		24.00	350
Hai-kau	21.00	2	955		.50	6.00	4.00	2.00	56.00		20.00	180
Ha-u	16.80	2	1400		.60	3.00	2.00	.50	28.00		14.00	100
Hok-chiang City	18.00	1	2780	1	1.00	5.00	4.00	1.20	41.00	11.00	27.00	100
Liang-tau	18.00	1	210		.50	1.50	2.00	.50	13.00		10.00	50
Nang-iong	40.00	1	210		.40	1.00	2.00		7.00		11.00	30
Ngu-cheng	15.00	4	1300	3	1.50	9.00	6.00	10.00	110.00		80.00	620
Ngu-ka			203	2	.50	4.00	2.00	.74	16.00	2.00	30.00	70
Sang-sang				1	.50	1.00			16.00		13.50	60
Siek-geng	16.00	4	1600	1	.65	3.50	2.00	1.20	29.00		9.00	220
Sing-dong	71.00	5	1508	3	1.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	81.00	50.00	50.00	400
Siong-gong-ing	16.00	2	1000	1	.65	5.00	2.00	1.20	46.00		30.00	140
Total	$ 346.80	36	$15481	21	$ 11.50	$ 68.00	$ 38.00	$ 84.64	$ 647.00	$ 109.00	$ 394.50	3071

Ku-cheng District.												
Chong-tau	$ 6.60	1	$ 75		$ .40	$ 2.60		$	$ 19.00	$	$ 1.30	30
Ding-sang	6.00	1	90		.80	4.80			17.65		1.00	60
Dio-a	8.50	1	201		.60	5.00			24.00			50
Dong-huang	4.00	1	303		.50	2.30			28.30			100
Dai-giang	5.00	1	400	1	.40	3.00			16.60			60
Go-iong	5.20	1	60		.50	2.50			15.00			70
Huang-de-iong				1	.20	1.00			4.70			52
Huang-kang	4.00	1	200		.50	2.30			11.20			30
Ku-cheng City	12.00	3	2800	2	2.00	40.30		15.00	156.50	1050	45.00	250
Ku-de	12.60	1	200		.50	3.00			65.00			120
Liang-tau	20.40		600	1	.50	2.00			50.00			200
Loi-hung	6.00	1	250		.50	2.50			20.00			50
Sek-baik Du		1	140		.40	1.00			17.00			40
Sek-chek Du	7.50			2	.35	2.30			37.70			98
Seng-iong and Dio-siong	6.00			2	.30	2.50			48.25			80
Seng-leng and Lang-ka	5.00			2	.20	2.00			8.00			60
Total	$ 108.20	14	$ 5816	11	$ 8.65	$ 78.20		$ 15.00	$ 546.90	$ 1050	$ 47.30	1350
Hai-tang District.												
Bang-tang-giang	$ 16.00	1	$		$ 2.00	$	$ .25	$ 9.00	$	$ 4.50	$ .50	50
Sang-le	80.00	1	100	1	8.00		.35	56.00		14.00	1.00	180
Dai-bang	60.00	2	950		3.50		2.50	23.00	30.00	30.00	.60	80
Dai-ho	21.00		1100	1	1.00		.55	7.50		3.60	.45	65
Dai lieng				1				1.60		1.00		15
Deng-chiong				1	.50			3.60		3.00	.20	25
Tang-tau	40.00	1	1400		10.00		3.30	22.00		13.00	1.50	80
Ngiuk-seu and Bah-sua	142.00	1	1200		14.00	10.00	1.75	91.00		41.00	2.00	450
Total	$ 359.00	6	$ 4750	4	$ 39.00	$ 10.00	$ 8.70	$ 193.70	$ 30.00	$ 109.50	$ 6.25	945

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NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Native Ordained Preachers.	Native Unordained Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	W. F. M. S. Native Women helpers.	Members.	Probationers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Baptized Children.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No of Sabbath School Teachers.	No. of Sabbath School Scholars.	No of Boys in Boarding School.	No. of Day Schools.	No. of Day School Pupils.
Summary by Districts.																			
Foochow District. - - - - -	10	1	42	73	27	756	917	25	188	153	42	13	445	25	75	1735	40	167	3845
Hok-chiang ,, - - - - -	17	2	30	45	19	1223	1678	15	744	145	98	11	231	54	59	896	20	19	367
Hai-tang ,, - - - - -	6		15	14	9	399	466	7	213	32	29	5	267	19	19	478		25	530
Iong-bing ,, - - - - -	4	14	8	20	3	345	432	8	191	95	55	9	150	18	18	360		2	45
Ku-cheng ,, - - - - -	18	10	26	58	41	873	524	18	368	223	68	34	1054	31	55	1128	78	20	321
Ming-chiang ,, - - - - -	5		25	48	15	596	357	14	251	145	45	18	500	22	41	705	32	36	621
Grand Total (1898) -	60	27	146	258	114	4192	4374	87	1955	793	337	90	2647	169	267	5302	170	269	5729
,, ,, (1897) -	61	32	128	261	99	3960	3890	85	1760	862	405	96	2282	190	321	4848	147	255	5284
Increase			18		15	232	484	2	195				365			454	23	14	545
Decrease	1	5		3						69	68	6		21	54				

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Summary by Districts.												
Foochow District.....	$ 2496.00	24	$17150	12	$ 25.30	$ 129.35	$ 43.80	$ 109.75	$ 751.97	$ 57.30	$ 127.60	2115
Hok-chiang ,, ...	346.80	36	15481	21	11.50	68.00	38.00	84.64	647.00	109.00	394 50	3071
Hai-tang ,, ...	359.00	6	4750	4	39.00	10.00	8.70	193.70	30.00	109.50	6.25	945
Iong-bing ,, ...		18	3840	9	3.80	29.25		10.10	247.40	662.30	163.25	395
Ku-cheng ,, ...	108.20	14	5316	11	8.65	78.20		15.00	546.90	1050.00	47.30	1350
Ming chiang ,, ...	358.20	7	2791	9	9.00	31.00	114.80	21.80	82.20	124.00	21.70	1218
Grand Total (1898) ..	$ 3668.20	105	$49328	66	$ 97.25	$ 345.80	$ 205.30	$ 434.99	2605.47	$ 2112.10	$ 760.00	9094
,, ,, (1897) ..	3303.80	86	45599	69	61.25	337.45	382.71	680.13	2511.45	6927.70	776.40	10537
Increase	$ 364.40	19	$ 3729		$ 36.00	8.35			$ 94.02			
Decrease....				3			$ 177.41	245.14		$ 4815.60	$ 16.40	1443

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